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# Government to let Murdoch bid for 'Times' go ahead

Mr Rupert Murdoch was given clearance yesterday to start securing union acceptance of his terms for taking over "The Times", "The Sunday Times" and the three supplements. MPs were told the Government had agreed to the transfer of the titles to News International without reference to the monopolies commission.

## Minister lays down eight conditions As Labour MPs and some enservative backbenchers

Conservative backbenchers voiced their dismay at Mr Bif-

fen's decision not to refer the matter to the monopolies com-

mission, the Secretary of State told the House that he faced

the possibility that insistence on an investigation would risk closure of the Times titles, with

4.000 redundancies and the danger of permanent closure. After

earnest consideration and to avoid disruption and uncer-tainty Mr Biffen said he had concluded that he should give

his consent to the transfer, sub

With most Conservative MPs clearly behind the Government's decision, Mr Aitken was one of the few voices of

dissent from the Tory benches. He spoke of widespread anxiety

about the take over and sug-gested that Mr Biffen might have acted in an incorrect

manner. The managing director of Associated Newspapers had indicated to him that his com-pany was likely to test in the

ourts the decision not to refer the matter to the commis-

From the Labour front bench,

Mr John Smith, opposition spokesman on trade, outlining

the concern of Labour MPs.

said that such a concentration of hewspaper power as was proposed by this purchase was probably unprecedented.

But Mr Biffen soon made clear that the issue for him

was whether a reference to the commission would endanger the

commission would endanger the future of the two newsnapers because of the impossibility of completing an inquity within the three-week timescale given to Mr Murdoch to complete satisfactory negotiations with

the unions.
What had weighed most heavily with him was the conclusion of Sir Godfray le Juesne, chairman of the

statutory requirements concern-ing the report, completion could not be promised under

Murdoch statement: Mr Murdoch said last night:

We are all delighted and grateful for Mr Biffen's decision.
The survival of The Times and The Sunday Times now depends solely on binding agreements being reached with unions and chapels for economic manning levels and work practices.

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A good start has been made to these negotiations but a tremen-dors amount remains to be done in the way way.

in the next two weeks.

Mr Louis Heren, deputy editor of The Times, said that Mr Murdoch had not made any changes in the editorials of

monopolies comm

in view

eight weeks.

ject to the conditions.

The Government has agreed to the transfer of Times Newspapers to Mr Rupert Murdoch's News International without referring the merger to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. But in clearing Mr Murdoch to embark on securing within three weeks the agreement of the trade unions to his terms for taking over The Times, The Sunday Times and the supplements, Mr John Biffen, Secretary of State for Trade, has laid down eight stringent conditions.

Opening the emergency de-bate in the Commons yesterday on the question of referring the proposed purchase to the monopolies commission, Mr Biffen told the House that the conditions relating to editorial independence would be incorporated into the Articles of Association of the Times Newspapers companies and any change in the relevant articles would in future require his

That requirement would be backed up by the sanctions provided for in the Fair Trading Act, 1973. In certain circumstances a breach of some of the conditions would be a criminal offence, liable, on conviction, to fine or to

The three-hour debate ended with the Commons approving the Government's decision by 231 votes to 239, a majority of 42 for allowing the transfer to

Fire Conservative back-benchers defied the Government benchers detied the Government three-line whip, and voted with Labour. They were Mr Jonathan Aicken (Thauet, East); Mr Teter Bottomley (Greenwich, Woolwich, West); Sir Hugh Freser (Stafford and Stone); Mr Barry Porfer (Bebington and Ellesmote Port); and Mr Williams (Montcomery). More than 100 MPs scope of the inquiry and the

The conditions laid down by the government are: The newspapers are to be published as separate newspapers; 2. Future disposals are to be sub-ject to the consent of a majority of the independent national directors

Times Newspapers Holdings 3. The number of the independent directors is to be increased from four to six and the appointment of any independent national direc-

tors in the future is not to be made without the approval of the existing independent national

evising independent national directors;

4. Editors shall not be appointed nor dismissed without the approval of the majority of the independent national directors;

5. The editor of each newspaper shall retain control over any political comment published in his newspaper and, in particular, shall not be subject to any restraint or inhibition in expressing opinion or in reporting news that might directly or indirectly conflict with the opinions or interests of any of the newspaper proprietors;

6. Instructions to journalists shall be given only by the editor or time to whom he has delegated authority:

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7. Subject to any annual budget for editorial space and expenditure, the editor shall retain control over the appointment, disposition and dismissal of journalists on his newspaper and of all other content of his newspaper;

8. Disputes between the editors and the directors of the companies are to be settled by the independent national directors.

## Trident force unlikely to get fifth submarine

A fifth submarine for the Trident strategic nuclear force has become a hidden casualty of pressure on the defence

budget.
Though no public announcement will be made before 1983, it has become clear in White-hall that the "fifth boat option", as it is called, is dead in all but name.

The extra cost it would incur,

between £675m and £750m on top of the £4,500m to £5,000m earmarked for the procurement of a four-boat Trident submarine squadron, means that nothing short of an unexpectedly vigorous upturn in the economy would enable the Cov-ernment to go ahead and build

it.

The United States Government will not need to be told formally for another two years that the Thatcher administration has dropped its option on a fifth boat and will not therefore be requiring the additional missiles, launchers, navigation and fire control systems that would have been provided by American manufacturers. American manufacturers.
Abandonment of a fifth vessel for the Trident force, which is intended to replace the

British nuclear deterrent into the 2020s, will have both political and strategic con-The "fifth boat labby" has been quite strong inside the defence community, though it now seems resigned to losing.

Polaris submarine squadron in the early 1990s and to carry the



the two divers rescued from the North Sealast week, celebrating yesterday in Aberdeen after spending several days in a

Divers cheer: Mr James Tucker, aged 27; the sea, after the lifeline on their diving from Port Elizabeth, South Africa, and Mr bell snapped. Their rescue last Wednesday. Philip Robinson, aged 31, from Bradford, was the first time divers had been transferred from one bell to another under water a so-called wet transfer. At a showing of a film of the rescue yesterday it was said the technology which had made decompression chamber. They described it was said the technology which had made their 10-hour battle against the cold when the manoeuvre successful was probably they were trapped more than 400ft beneath available only in the North Sea.

## NEC clash today after Mr Rodgers quits the Shadow Cabinet

By Michael Hattield civil servants to ran policy over Political Reporter the heads of ministers Mr Michael Foot, leader of the heads of ministers Mr Michael Foot, leader of The faction fight inside the the Labour Party who is strug party triggered by the special ging to maintain party unity party conference decision on was last uight having to contend the leadership issue and the with the resignation of Mr Will formation of the Council for liam Rodgers from the Shadow Social Democracy, created by Cabinet and his replacement by the so malled gang of four Mr Wedgwood Beam. Mr Wedgwood Bean.

He will also face the possibility today of a bitter dispute inside the party's national executive committee, which could lead to the resignation of Mrs.

lead to the resignation of Mrs. Shirley Williams.
Mr Renn automatically succeeds Mr Rodgers because he was the runner up in the Parlise mentary Labour Party elections. but Mr Foot made it known last night that he has yet to decide on what shadour post he will offer.

and presenting a "caricature" of the last Labour Government His retori came after Mr Bent had told the meeting that there should be more collective leadership and rost the last

side the national executive because of an emergency motion tabled by Mr Benn. The motion is seen as being designed to pur moderate dissidents on the spot and there was specification that if it was carded, Mrs. Williams would

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The party leader faces a dilemma in finding Mr Benn a role, and one that is not made easier by the fact that they clashed at a meeting of the PLP earlier in the day before Mr Rodger's resignation was known.

Mr Foot accused Mr Benn of spreading myths about the statement of the national executive who spreading myths about the seconded Mr Beng's incition, was understood to have doubts on whether it really constituted an emergency and should therefore be debated. Others shared the same view.

While the manoeuvrings were taking place there was no surprise among Labour politicians that Mr. Rodgers had finally decided to resign the

election manifesto had been that Mr Rodgers had finally agreed without the knowledge Sinange Cabinet. The special of MPs.

He said that once a Labour party conference decision, which had said that once a Labour party the trade unions a bigger

## 500 feared lost from Java Sea ferry boat

Jakarta, Jan 27.—More than crew and 12 bodies, but about 570 passengers and crew were ere missing tonight after a missing. Jakarta, Jan 27.—More than 500 men, women and children were missing tonight after a blazing Indonesian passenger ferry sank in a storm in the Java Sea hundreds of miles from land.

A Government spokesman said that more than 500 other people who were on board the Tampomas II, 6,139 tons, had been rescued in the area which is 500 miles north east of

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Jakarta.
Officials expressed grave concern for the lives of the missing people because at least 13 rescue ships had searched all night for survivors. The inter-island ferry, blazing since early yesterday, went down by the stern at 12.45 pm. A search and rescue spokesman

stile most passengers jumped into the sea before it sank. Mr J. E. Habibie, spokesman for the Sea Communications Ministry, said on national television that rescue ships had picked up 525 passengers, 29

He said he was not sure

whether those rescued included 149 people who jumped into the sea soon after the blaze broke out. They were picked up by another Indonesian ferry, the Sangihe, but the rest of the passengers stayed on board. When the Tampomas II left Jakarta for Ujung Pandang in south Sulawesi it was carrying 1,054 passengers, 82 crew and dozens of vehicles.

Mr Habibe said that at first it wir Habibe said that at first it had appeared that the flames were being brought under control, but the Sangibe suddenly reported that the fire had blazed up again and the Tampomas II began listing badly to port.

About 40 minutes later it started sinking with hundreds of men, women, and children

of men, women, and children jumping for their lives into the



#### Strike wave gathers momentum in Poland

Warsaw, Jan 27.-Industrial Warsaw, Jan 27.—Industrial workers, coal miners, farmers, and students staged strikes and protests in Poland today and threatened further action as pressure mounted on the authorities for a new initiative to break the social unrest. The demands made by the strikers went far beyond the issue of free Saturdays.

Workers in Rielsko Rists

Workers in Bielsko Bista began an indefinite general strike demanding the dismissai of local government officials. All main plants were closed All main plants were closed including a Flat car factory employing 11,000 men. In Lody, work baired shimmer than Jose factories and enterprises for three hours and transpoor was stopped for one hour as part of a nationwide campaign to force the authorities in keep the promises made to drikers last summer. At least 100,000 workers in Katowice and coal miners in

the Bytom region also struck

## One person in 10 without work as jobless total jumps by 103,000

Economics Editor Economics Editor

The underlying level of an employment went up by 103,000 in January to reach 2,236,000 (9.3 per cent of the workforce). Sharp rises in the number of people seasonally our of work and the number of school leavers without a job made, earlier predictions by Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment, that the month would see an appalling increase come true.

the tame as in the presions of a 105 but this partly four-week period.

In addition, the number of often do not bother to register vacancies at employment offices as unemployed.

went up slightly for a second the Northern Ireland, more mouth to 103,000. Traditionally than 17 per cent of the work this is the best multipart of the ing population are without way the labour marker is move work. Unemployment in the ing but the figures are so low previous is up by more than at present that attempts to from 5,000 in a mouth and one in our seasonal factors may be every five men is out of work. Introducing severe disportions. On the mainland, the north

in more than 70 mines and enterprises in Bytom.

In Rueszow, headquarters of a campaign for the legalization of Rural Solidarity, Mr Lech Walesa, the Solidarity trade union leader, conferred with farmers about coordinated strike action.

Fifteen farmers in Swinnica, south-west Poland, began a hunger strike in a church today to operate the latest count and the one taken in Detember, the registration of Rural Solidarity.

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leavers without a job leads earlier predictions by Mr James out seasonal factors may be every five men is out of work. First Secretary of State for Employment, that the month would see an appalling in crease come true.

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## £1 and 20p coins to be introduced by 1983

Inflation and convenience bit a little deeper into British tradition yesterday with the announcement that the £1 note, after a distinguished but

The Times. The accusation, which had been made in the Commons by Mr Aitkin, was completely without foundation. Challenge denied: Associated Newspapers denied that it was increasingly scruffy career, is to be killed off and replaced by a coin.

The change is due to begin planning to challenge in court
the Government's decision not in 1983, a year after the ingro-duction of a new seven-sided 20 pence piece to bridge the pence and 50 pence coins. The £1 coin and note will then run in tandem for several years until the note is phased out. to refer Mr Murdoch's bid to the commission (Dan van der Vat writes). Mr John Winnington-Ingram. a director of Associated, said that a misunderstanding had arisen during a conversation between Mr Airken and Mc R. between Mr Airken and Mr. R. W. Shields, managing director of Associated.

New disputes procedure and text of Biffen statement, page 2

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Commons written answer by Sir Geoffrey Howe, Chancellor of the Exchequer, was immediately welcomed by Mr Derrick Skinner, director of the Automatic Vending Association of Britain, representing about 200

Mr Skinner said it would be particularly useful for cigarette, food and ticket machines, though less so in garages, because of the escalating price of fuel

The design of the E1 coin has not been decided, although it will have a " distinctive security edge " to prevent counterfeiting. The 20 pence silver coin will

made of a bright yellow alloy, have the same diameter of long-term public expenditure like the old threepenny bits: seven-eighths of an inch, but it saving.

The announcement, made in a will be much thinner than the Numismatists greeted the

Inflation, coupled with the spread of vending machines and automation, is the main reason for the change. The pound is now worth 30 pence compared with its 1971 value, with the result that notes are handled more often and with less

Their life expectancy, measurable in years when they were introduced just before the First World War, has thus dropped to about nine months. La contrast, only 270 million £1 colors are expected to be manted initially. Each should last 40 years and contribute a

announcement as a minor up-heaval, pointing out that only once before has £1 been struck in anything other than gold.
That was in similarly perious times when Charles I lost the Royal Mint in August, 1642, and was forted into borrowing from supporters of silver plate for

meking.
Meanwhile, the Bank of England emphasized that the Li note, except for a brief. a permanent feature since the panic run on gold of August, 1914, and the drying up of the supply of sovereigns.
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## Michael Schembry is incurable.



If's a bit of a bind, he says.

Michael Schembry well to lead a very full life. He worked hard, loved walking and ramping, music and lewel. Thea hocombacted multiple sciences and camo

We have over 270 severely disabled and incurable Militaris to care for Wesimol cure them. But we can help them. Skilled care has helped Michael learn to live with his illness. "It's a bit of about," hosses. "But I knew had to come to terms with it."

We too, need help. We are not part of the Health Service and weardy a lot on the generosity of the com-passionate diese help as with a densition, a dead of coverantian a bequest.

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Air Commodure D. R. Risson, ORR, Darc, ARC.

#### CONTROL OF THE PROPERTY OF THE Blunt Reagan warning to kidnappers

Kidnappers of American diplomats in future can expect swift retribution from the United States, President Reagon said when welcoming the returned hostages at the White House. There are limits to America's patience, he declared. An estimated quarter of a million people lined the streets theering the convoy of buses. Earlier, in their first public appearance at a West Point press conference rome seemed anxious to play down reports of ill-treatment at the bands of their captors Page 7

#### Socialist resigns

Mr Andre Cools is to resign the leadership of Belgium's Socialist Party, one of the two coalition partners, His departure is attributed to mounting left-wing pressure for the Government to abandon its economic austerity programme, which has started off angry trade

#### Day strike threat by civil servants

A national one-day strike by 500,000 civil servants is being planned for March 6 by union leaders intent on breaking through the Cabiner's 6 per cent public service wage rise limit. Other industrial action to disrupt key

## Onshore oil search

One of eight licences for onshore oil and gas exploration granted by Mr David Howell, the Secretary of State for Energy, is for an area in Fife, which includes the Royal and Ancient golf course at Sr Andrews. Other licences include areas adjoining the north Yorkshire coast Page 17

#### Prison action grows

Prison officers at Ashford Remand Centre and at Gloucester have resumed industrial action over the meals break dispute as a result of the High Court ruling that the leaders of the Prison Officers Association had acted unlawfully in instructions members in suspend instructing members to suspend industrial action Fage 4



Afghan moves: Mr Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, at the Islamic conference in Taif, Saudi Arabia, where rumours circulated that he might visit Moscow for talks on Afghanistan. Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-Ceneral, was being pressed not to appoint an Afghanistan mediator Page 8

## Doctors pay move

Incentive payments to doctors and inner-city areas with poor medical services have been proposed by the British Medical Association in a move to halt the falling quality of care Page 6

#### Protests expected at college proposal

Local authorities are expected to make strong protests over government plans to remove polytechnics and higher education colleges from their control, but many will be relieved to have a heavy finencial burden lifted. The protests involve the establishment of a liew national body responsible for allocation body responsible for allocating government funds - Page S

Rates rise : A GLC rate Increase of 17.6 per cent means that inner London rate rises will range from 20 to Madrid: East and West fail to find, neutral ground on disarmament 6

Havane: Cuba is preparing its: people to defend the revolution against a Reagan assanit Classified advertisements: Appointments, pages 8, 11; La creme de la creme, 23, 24; Personal, 8, 26;

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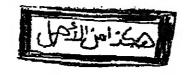
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Fog defeats

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From Henry Stanhope

Defence Correspondent Middle Wallop, Hampshire

## Leaders of 500,000 civil servants plan national strike in March to break Cabinet's 6% pay rise limit

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor A national one-day strike by 500,000 civil servants is being members is the largest union planned for March 6 by union in the Civil Service. The CPSA leaders intent on breaking is expected to take the first through the Cabinet's 6 per cent public service wage rise limit. to disrupt key Government Inland Revenue Staff Federa-

The civil service unious' pay campaign committee met yester-day to draw up contingency strike plans that will be implemented if ministers refuse to concede a joint wage claim of

between 15 and 20 per cent. The first propaganda shots in the forthcoming pay battle will be fired today when 750 delegates of the 105,000-member Society of Civil and Public Servants (SCPS) meet in the Queen Elizabeth Hall on the South Bank, London, to agree a response to the Government's "punitive cash limit". They are certain to adopt proposals for industrial action backed by a similar conference is being claims, would have been announced by the Pay Research Unit which looks each year at the comparative movement in earnings with industry. This

Public Services Association set aside by the Government.

(CPSA), which with 225,000 Mr Campbell Christie, deput steps towards joining the industrial action, and further backing is expected from the

fessional Civil Servants. March 6 is the favourite date for a pre-Budget strike among union leaders charged with drawing up the campaign of dis-ruption. It will come at the end of a month's bargaining timetable on the first joint claim submitted by all the unions. SCPS delegates will roday endorse a 19 per cent claim, based on the gap between salaries for administrators and executives in the Civil Service and similar jobs in the private sector. That figure, the union claims, would have been

Mr Campbell Christie, deputy general secretary of the SCPS, said last night; "All the indications are that there will be support for action if the Government sticks to 6 or 7. per cent for the Civil Service". The unious are due to agree

on a joint pay claim on February 5, and they have set a three-week limit for negotiations. If a satisfactory pay settlement operative from April 1 has not been agreed by Feb-ruary 26, the signal will be given to go ahead with industrial action.

This bad news for the Government on the pay front co-meided with agreement being reached on .71 per cent rises for the largest single group of public service workers. Union leaders of about one million local government manual workers signed a deal yesterday giving a flat rate increase of £4.60 a week and an extra day's

### The Army's latest anti-tank missile was defeated by its worst enemy yesterday — the European weather. But officers defended its ability to penetrate Russian armour, if not the swirling fog which forced the cancellation of its first public demonstration on Salisbury titting the missile, best known by its acronym TOW, to about 80 Lynx heliconters 80 Lynx helicopters in the British Army of the Rhine (BAOR) to upgrade BAOR's defences against Soviet tanks, which ournumber those of Nato in central Europe by almost Yesterday's press demonstra resterday's press demonstra-tion was to have marked the end of what the Army has described as highly successful acceptance trials which have been conducted during the past three months by the Army

A TOW missile being loaded on to a Lynx helicopter yesterday by the Army Air Corps. penetrate the frontal armour on the latest Soviet ranks

Developed by the American Hughes Aircraft Company it is already in service with 25 other countries, including 10 in Nato and was extensively used United States forces Its effectiveness has been

open to serious doubt since Britain decided to buy it in 1977 instead of its main com-petitor, the more expensive Franco-German HOT missile. Work has now started in the

United States on a new war-head because trials indicated that the existing one could not

Meanwhile the existing model was defended yesterday by Major-General Bill Withall, existing "There are certain problems with the frontal armour of the are more ways than one of skinning a car. It is very effective when you approach the tank from a side-on amoush position as we intend to do. And if you hit him on the front it would make him spill his vodka, all right." He said that

during trials. Yesterday's cancellation might also be seized upon by those who remain sceptical about the future for anti-tank helicopters.

Major Neal Baldwick who was to have flown the Lynx for four firings against cardboard tar-gets, said: "We have to abide by peacetime safety levels now. But in warrime we would have carried out our mission fog or because we would have

### Move to give MPs more control over spending

Political Correspondent New arrangements to enab MPs to have greater contr over public expenditure at the granting of supply a being considered by a Sele Committee on Procedu (Supply) which began work the Commons yesterday.

The committee, under t chairmanship of Mr Teren Higgins, was asked to reco mend a new system after ma backbenchers had protest about the way in which millio of pounds of Government spet ing can be authorized "on t nod", without examination the items of expenditure.

The former Leader of House, Mr. Norman St Job Stevas. Conservative MP f Stevas, Conservative MP f Cheimsford, accepted the vir-that the way the House control spending was in need of radical review.

The Select Committee Procedure in the 1977. sassion declared that to House has long since ceased exercise detailed control over the control of the control o public expenditure in any hithe formal sense of voting to annual estimates and approvi the Consolidated Fund at Appropriation Bills." K. A. Bradshaw, till

Clerk Assistant to the Co. mons, yesterday outlined thistory of Parliament's asso tion of power over Executive, and suggested wa in which the House could tag back some of its control ov

## Ferries stay in port as talks fail

By Donald Macintyre

Labour Reporter Pay talks between union offi-cials and Townsend Thoresen, which has had two ferries halted since last week at Southampton by the seamen's dispute,

broke down last night.

There had been hopes that the two ferries, the Viking Venturer and the Viking Valiant, would resume their cross-Chan-nel service after talks began on a company offer adding 10

per cent to earnings. --- The offer was made independently of the national crew on both vessels provided employers body, the General an agreement could be reached. Council of British Shipping, but The union said last night the with its approval. It would have £170 a week and of engine room tors had in the talks at South-men and other crew to £154. ampton offered to resume the

which came when the company refused to move towards the National Union of Seamen's demand for overtime to be paid at time-and-a-baif rates, the company issued a warning that

pay from the crews. Townsend Thoresen had offered to reinstate 11 deckhands deemed to have dismissed themselves after refusing to obey a master's order to sail last week, and to begin paying again the remaining 250 crew on both vessels provided company's action amounted to a full lock-out. Union negotia-

out a pay agreement, the union said.

The company said, however, that it was not prepared to resume paying the crew since it would remain subject to con-tinuing guerrilla action decided by the NUS unless a local agreement was reached.

The union's disputes comgrant dispensation for vessels on banana trade routes to and from the Windward Islands in the West Indies, despite appeals from the governments of St Lucia and St Vincent.

Crews aboard the Geest Land and Geest Tide at Barry, South Wales, were said by the union yesterday to have voted against resuming work.

## Biffen consent to transfer of papers

The following is the text of a statement by Mr John Biffen, Secretary of State for Trade, on the proposed purchase of The Times, The Sunday Times supplements by Mr Rupert Murdoch.

Consent in a case of urgency . economic as going concerns and . intended to continue as separate

1 News International Ltd (NIL) is a newspaper proprietor whose is a newspaper proprietor whose newspapers have an average circulation per day of publication, calculated in accordance with section 57(3) of the Fair Trading Act, 1973, amounting, with that of Times, to 500,000 or more copies, and also amounting, with that of The Sunday Times, to 500,000 or more copies:

The Times and The Sunday is a newspaper proprietor;

3 The Secretary of State received
on 23 January, 1981, an applica-

of each of The Times and The Sunday Times to NIL:

4 The Secretary of State is satisfied that neither The Times nor The Sunday Times is economic as case, the newspaper in question is to continue as a separate news-paper the case is one of urgency: Now, therefore, the Secretary of Now, therefore, the Secretary of State, pursuant to section 58(3) (a) of the Fair Trading Act, 1973, hereby consents to the transfer of each of The Times and The Sunday Times from the Thomson Organisation Limited to NIL without requiring a report from the Monopolies and Mergers Commission under section 59 of that Act but subject to the following condi-

tions: 1 Publication of the newspapers transferred shall be as separate

2 NIL shall not without the con-sear of a majoricy of the inde-pendent national directors for the time being of Times Newspapers Holdings Limited (TNHL) do any-thing, or procure or permit any-thing to be done, which shall result in:

result in:

(i) NIL, by reason of any transfer, ceasing to be a newspaper proprietor in relation to The Times or The Sunday Times, or (ii) either TNHL or Times Newspapers Limited (TNL) ceasing to be a subsidiary (within the meaning of Section 154 of the Companies Act, 1948) of NIL, or (iii) TNL selling or otherwise disposing of any interest in The Times or The Sunday, Times.

3 (a) Before either of the transfers to which this consent relates takes effect the Articles of Assofers to which this consent relates takes effect the Articles of Association of TNHL shall have been altered to give effect to the requirement set out below and a draft of the resolution so altering the Articles shall have been approved by the Secretary of State as giving effect to that requirement.

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(b) The said requirement is that national directors shall be in-creased from four to six and no person shall be appointed to or-removed from the office of inde-pendent national director, including such additional persons, without the approval of the impority of the independent national directors at the time of the appointment or removal.

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be appointed or dismissed without the approval of the majority of the independent national directors of TNEL.

(if) The Editor of each newspaper shall retain common over any political comment published in his newspaper and, in particular, shall not be subject to any restraint or inhibition in expressing opinion or in reporting news that might directly or indirectly conflict with the opinions or interest of any of the newspaper proprietors (within the meaning of Section 57 of the Fair Trading Act, 1973) of The Times or The Sunday Times.

(iii) Instructions to journalists shall be given only by the Editor or those to whom he has delegated anthority.

(iv) Subject only to any annual budget for editorial space and expenditure determined by the directors of TNL, the Editor of each newspaper shall retain control over the appointment, disposition and dismissal of journalists on his newspaper and of all other content of his newspaper except that in the case of advertisements the Editor's rights may be limited to the right m refuse to publish any advertisement and where in his newspaper, advertisements. In rere in

in particular is to appear;

(v) Any dispute between the Editors, or either of them, and the Directors of TNL is to be referred to the independent national directors of TNHL or such one or more of the independent national directors as they may themselves determine; and their decision shall be final and binding.

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John Biffen

Secretary of State for Trade 27 January, 1981.

## Dissenting MPs have to explain

and John Witherow

Several Labour MPs who have announced their support have announced their support for the Council for Social Democracy will be called to account by their constituency parties next week. There have been calls for the resignations of Mr Tom Ellis (Wrexham), Mr. John Horam (Gateshead, West) and Mr Neville Sandel-son (Hillingdon; Hayes and Harlington). Harlington).
Dr David Owen is to attend

Air Corps from its head-quarters at Middle Wallop. Training courses for helicopter

crews are about to begin and the first Lynx/TOW flight will enter service in Detmold, West Germany, towards the end of

At £2,500 a shot, the Army claims that TOW is actually cheaper than the obsolescent \$511 missile which it is replac-

ing. It is also faster, more accurate and has a greater range of up to nearly two and a half miles, and is simpler to

a regular meeting of his Plymouth, Devonport constitu-ency executive on Friday and the meeting is expected to be stormy. One member, Mr Ronald Lemin, has given notice

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executive today.

Labour MPs.

the party leader, was the final

The issue of mandatory re-

selection, referred to by Mr

Rodgers, is also expected to

be the centre of a heated

debate inside the national

The left wing is demanding

that general management com-

mittees must draw up a short

list of more than one, even if they do not wish to do so. Moderates interpret that as a potential threat to sitting

But the crucial issue will be on Mr Benn's motion which states: "That this committee

and each of its members pledges itself wholeheartedly

and without reservation to work together for the return

of a Labour Government at the next general election through the election of Labour candi-

dates in every constituency standing in support of the elec-tion manifesto that will be pre-

stituency chairman in Teesside, Stockton, Mr Derek Cooke, said that resolutions were being sub-mitted by several wards con-demning Mr Rodgers's action. They would be considered at a management committee meeting early next month.

Mr Mike Thomas (Newcastle

upon Tyne, East) and Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Teesside, Thornaby) are expected to strend meetings of their con-structory parties next week. Mr Wrigglesworth's agent.
Mr Charles Shopland, said
yesterday: "I do not expect
any fierce reaction. Mr
Wrigglesworth is held in very

high regard. He has already written to all our delegates of his intention to call for Dr explaining his position."

Owen's resignation. The Leicester, East constitute of the Mr William Rodgers's convency party has planned no

It continues: "And invites all individual and affiliated

members of the party to endorse this call personally and to seek support for it in all constituency Labour parties and affiliated organizations of

which they are members and to

seek endorsement for it from all Labour candidates in local

Bradley, have tabled amend-

ments to soften the motion, and

in an interview on EEC radio

Mrs Williams said she would

She described the motion as

an open-ended commitment

to something we do not even know and said: "It is objectionable in a democratic country and in a democratic

Mr Denis Healey, the deputy

"I think to treat people who are been members of the

leader of the party, said on ITN's News at One that he thought declaration of allegi-

abstain from any loyalty test.

elections this year ".

NEC turmoil over Benn motion

special meetings over Mr Tont Bradley's decision to join the council. Mr Bradley, who has been an MP there for 18 years. has considerable support, especially among the Asian community, in what is essentially a moderate constituency. If he were to resign from the Labour Party and stand as a would stand a good chance of

being reelected.
Mr Robert MacLennan (Caithness and Sutherland) will have to face a special general management committee meeting on Saturday when opposition to his stand is likely.
Mr MacLennan, who has been

MP for the vast constituency since 1966, has considerable

Labour Party for 30 or 40 years

as if they were witnesses in front of Senator McCarthy's

committee in the United States

Mr Foot, in replying to Mr Benn's allegations inside the

PLP, said that members of the

PLP were tree men. They were

not delegates of their constitu-ences or of the national execu-

Mr Duffy's appeal: Mr Terence

Duffy, president of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering

Workers, has appealed to the "Gang of Three" not to leave the Labour Party (Donald

Mr Duffy said yesterday that he had spoken after the party

conference on Saturday to both Mrs Williams and Mr

Rodgers in an attempt to persuade them and Mr David Owen not to leave the party.

tive committee.

Macintyre writes).

is a scandalous thing to do."

#### Union move to left in Barnsley worries many lene. The traditionally moderatis From Ronald Kershaw

Barnsley

Events last weekend threw into sharp focus the curious relationship between the trade unions and the Labour Party. The move to the left at all levels of the party bierachy and the influence the unions have exterted left many traditional Labour supporters bewildered, to say the least.

Nowhere has the change been more apparent than in the Yorkshire region, and nowhere have allegiances changed more rapidly than in the Barnsley constituency of Mr Roy Mason, Labour MP for the past 28

The National Union of Mineworkers has packed constituency party meetings with unión delegates and taken over the constituency party. Only this week has one union, the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers, seen fit to challenge the grip the miners have, and has asked for an inquiry into numbers of delegates and affiliated members.

Barnsley has become an example of what many consider parties throughout the country. Bands of militant members have been drawn together by a nucleus of left-wing extremists and determinedly but democratically set about outsting more moderate party colleagues from positions of responsibility. The prize is a reselection conference at which sitting moderate MPs will either undertake to further the ideals of their constituency masters Owen not to leave the party.

After a meeting of the union's executive yesterday, he said: of their constituency masters or lose their backing or trade the party, we want them to tary and to help us to fight, to have decisions which we sponsored MP since the by
dissorbe with reversed."

started to wane with the ele tion of Mr. Arthur Scargili : president of the Yorkshi arca NUM. Party rules permit NU brances to send delegated

the constituency management committees to represent unit branch members in their loc Cheques were sent from the Barnsley area NUM beadqua

ters to constituencies in whit, and miners lived, entitling them representation on a manag ment committee. At Barnsley, miners' deligates appeared in such nur bers that they were able a vote for left-wing nominee-

in the constituency party. It was then a simple step for Mr Scargill and his Yorksburg instruct ... miners' council to instruct their sponsored MPs to von accordance with area com cil policy, on pain of unsyr pathetic treatment at the tim parliamentary candidates wer

reselected. This week's move by the should workers has focused attention on the NUM's Barnsley bear sends the maximum six delgates to the constituency particle general management committe that the fees paid by the brance represent several hundred affill [] iations. One delegate is allowed for every 50 cembers or parthereof. It is generally believe that the branch has been cree lotted with membership of hu

dreds of retired miners in th Barnsley constituency. It is understood, but not co firmed, that caucus represent tives from constituencies and over the county are shortly meet to discuss strategy which

will result in entirely ne 10013 100 stituency parties at the comit reselection conferences. steel and t

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#### Fresh disputes procedure is put to unions By Our Labour Editor

Leaders of printing trade unions involved in negotiations over Mr Ruperr Murdoch's proposed purchase of Times News-papers Limited are to have talks next week on a new disputes procedure aimed at curtailing unofficial stoppages. Proposals for a disciplinary clause have been outlined in a

letter to the unions inviting them to a meeting to discuss the issue on Monday. Initial reaction from the main craft union, the National Graphical Association (NGA), is en-Mr Leslie Dixon, president of he NGA, said yesterday: "We

the NGA, said yesterday: "We will discuss it with them, no problem. I think we ought to have a disputes procedure covering all sections of the industry including all Fleet Street, not just The Times." The procedure suggested to the printing trade unions at Times Newspapers is understood to lay down that workers taking unofficial industrial action would lose a day's pay on the first night. If the stoppage continued on the second night members of the same union would be suspended on

basic rates. On a third night, all printing workers would be suspended on basic rates. Talks with the NGA yesterday concentrated on staffing levels in the composing room where the union has 350 members. Mr Murdoch wants an early changeover to electronic photocomposition, which would involve about 45 per cent voluntary redundancies.

Other discussions were held with the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades. There will be talks today with the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media

## New conditions over 'Times' sale directly enforceable

for the first time, were directly of the newspapers.

Cabinet ministers, in advising

necessarily have been recom-mended by the Monopolies and ditions had been imposed in the case of the Thomson acquisition in 1967. Mr Harold Evans, editor of

The Sunday Times said: "I would have preferred our independent Sunday Times consor-tium, but no editor or journalist could ask for wider gurantees of editorial independence than those Mr Murdoch has accepted, now entrenched by the Secretary of State".

The criminal law sauctions

for breaking the conditions are laid down in section 62 of the Fair Trading Act, 1973, and, upon conviction on indictment, are imprisonment for up to two years or a fine, or both. However, as Mr John Biffen, be, subject to criminal law, mooted, together with the requirement. After that the company's articles of

association not be changed without written consent of the Secretary of State. ing
The legal instrument binding to
Mr Murdoch, according to the edi Department of Trade, is to be the statement of consent to the purchase by Mr Biffen, which

requirement that The Times and Sunday Times shall be pub-lished as separate hewspapers, and that Mr Murdoch's News Sir Denis Hamilton, chairman and editor-in-chief of Times Newspapers Holdings Ltd, said last night the conditions that Mr Rupert Murdoch had accepted were stronger than accorded were stronger than accorded were stronger than according in the cale or disposal his previous undertakings and, resulting in the sale or disposa

Inforceable.

Such enforcement would not mecessarily have been recomneded by the Monopolies and mergers Commission. No confidence of the commission delayed by a merchanic of the measurement of the commission delayed by a merchanic of the commission delayed by the commission delayed by a merchanic of the commission delayed by the commission delayed by a merchanic of the commission delayed by the commission delayed by a merchanic of the commissi Some details of the Govern-

ment's final hectic decision-making emerged last night. Mr Biffen disclosed that his depart-ment received the formal appliment received the formal application for the merger last. Friday, the day he returned from a visit to India. However, his department had been appraised of the likelihood of Mr Murdochs's bid being accepted before he left, and official legal studies were begun.

Mr Biffen did not tackle the issue apparently, until some time on Monday morning. There followed a rapid round of con-However, as Mr John Biffen, sultations, in which the idea of the Secretary of State for imposing ministerial conditions. Trade, mentioned in the debate, only two of the conditions will be subject to criminal law.

After a ministerial meeting on Monday, with Mrs Thatcher in the chair, lawyers from both sides were called in the evening to the Department of Trade. to try incorporating the editorial safeguards. Journalists' ideas were also submitted but in the end not incorporated.
What remained were the be issued yesterday. It will be safeguards put forward by the the subject of an exchange of Thomson verting committee. letters between Mr Biffen and less the concept of editorial Mr Murdoch.

## Skinhead revenge raid led to race riot, jury told

A race riot broke out in Woolwich, London when armed skinheads, chanting "Sieg Heil", mounted a revenge raid on coloured people, a jury at the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Between 30 and 100 white youths, some of them with their heads shorn almost bald, attacked abour 100 to 150 coloured people in a cinema queue, Miss Ann Curnow, for the prosecution, said. When the coloured people took refuge in the Odeon cinema, the skinheads smashed £800 of glass in the building.

the building.

She added that a solid phalanx of youths, shouting:

"We are going to kill the coons", enguited everything in She added that a solid phalanx of youths, shouting:
"We are going to kill the coons", engulfed everything in cars were damaged and Mr. Ashok Lekeh, a Pakistani who was waiting at a bus stop, was "Moodbill, Woolwich.

All deny riotously assembling together and unlawfully fighting and making an affray on March 28 last year. Mr Wakeling also denies having an offensive weapon, an iron bar, on the same day.

The trial continues today.

head.
Road, Woolwich; Kevin Wakeling, aged 18, labourer, of Appleby Road, Canning Town; Shane Spalding, aged 18, of Tare Road, Canning Town, Martin White, aged 20, a labourer, of John Wilson Street, Woolwich, and Kevin Heathfield, aged 20, a labourer, of Woodhill, Woolwich.
All deny riotously assembling

## Many dams in dangerous state, magazine says

the Institute of Civil Engineers. The report described a " disturbing chapter of ignorance and neglect by owners—particu-larly private owners who con-trol the oldest dams", It said the danger was getting worse as dams continued

to age and owners became more reluctant to spend money on.

maintenance.

The report said the 1975 Mr Murdoch. quality which, apparently, Reservoirs Act was supposed to improve matters but the Departicut to the criminal law are a sa legal commitment.

Too many of Britain's dams refused to implement it on and reservoirs are falling into a dangerous state of disrepair.

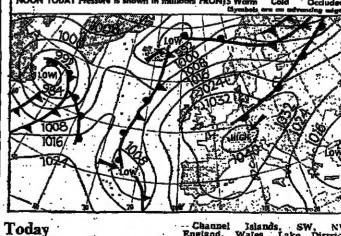
according to a report in New part added. The magnitude by according to a report added. The magnitude by according to a report added. The magnitude by according to a report added. that safety was governed by the Reservoirs Art. 1930, which merely required all dams to be inspected every 10 years by an

> The report added that "amazingly, no one even knows where all Britain's dams are It continued: "It is nothing short of a public scandal that Parliaments wishes on a mat-ter affecting public safety should have been flouted for so long by netty disagreements, prevarication and parsimony?

engineer.
That was not being done in

many cases

# Weather forecast and recordings



Sun rises : - Sun sets : 4.43 pm Moon rises: Moon sets:

12.40 am
Last quarter: 4.19 am
Lighting up: 5.13 pm to 7.14 am.
High water: London Bridge, 6.48
am, 6m; 7.23 pm, 6m. Avonmouth, 11:57 am, 10.3m; Dover,
4.03 am, 5.8m; 4.37 pm, 5.3m;
Hull, 11.26 am, 6m; 11.44 pm,
6.1m. Liverpoot, 4.18 am, 7.4m;
4.34 pm, 7.4m.

11 = 0.3048m

11 = 3.2808ft Pressure will remain high over the British Isles.
Forecasts for 6 am to midnight.
London, SE, tentral S. E., central N. England. East. Anglia, Midlands: Fog patches, dense in places, early and late, some bright or sunny intervals; wind maloly 5 light; max temp 7°C (45°F) but 10°C (50°F) in sunnier parts.

Channel Islands, SW, NW England, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, Glasgow, N Ireland: Mainly dry, sunny intervals; wind S to SW, light or moderate; max temp 10° to 12°C (S0° to 54°F). NE England, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, central Highlands, Moray Pirth, NE Scotland: Mist or foe patches early and late, sunny periods developing; wind SW, moderate; max. temp. 9° to 11°C (48° to 52°F). 8 am, 7.4m Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, 1m=3.2808ft Sheriand Mostly cloudy with our breaks of drizzle, some summy intervals; wind SW fresh or strong; max temp 9°C (48°F). Outlook for tomerrow and Friday: Mainly dry but foggy at times in England and Wales:

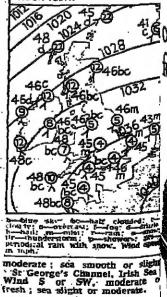
Sea passages: S North Sca. Straits of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind SW, light of WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY : c, cloud ; d, drizzle ;



changeable with some rain in Scotland and N Ireland.

Yesterday London: Temp: max 6 am b 6 pm, 13°C (55°F): min 6 pm b 6 am, 9°C (48°F). Humidity 6 pm, 82 per cent. Rain, 24 hr b 6 pm, arace. Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm 0.7 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm 1038.9 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.53 in.

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# Let's assume you don't wish to look like everyone else.

It's nothing unusual these days to be asked to pay £11,000 for a new motor car.

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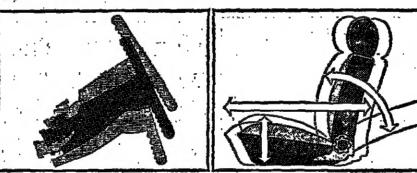
for the saloon boot.

The interior appointments could well be termed by appointment. The doors lock centrally, the sun roof is steel and the radio/stereo cassette player has not two speakers but three.

The tinted windows are electrically operated as is the release

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## **Action resumed by** prison officers after court ruling

Home Affairs Correspondent Prison officers at Ashford Remand Centre have resumed industrial action after a High Court case against the national executive of their association. Because of the court decision officers at Gloucester have decided not to return to normal

working. Mr Justice Brown-Wilkinson ruled on Friday that the national executive of the Prison Officers' Association had acted unlawfully in instructing memsuspend industrial bers to suspend industrial action. He ordered the union leaders to reinstate the action, but suspended the order for six weeks so that the special con-ference which had called for

the action could be reconvened.
It is understood that the association sent out a circular vesterday saying that a delegate conference would be held soon but did not give a date or venue. The circular is thought to have recommended that the suspension of industrial action should be continued pending further information from the branches are still engaged in some form of action over the dispute, which was about payment for meal breaks. The Home Office has refused prisor.

to go to arbitration over the claim for payments for meal breaks taken during extra duties. Instead Mr William Whitelaw, the Home Secretary. sees a new duty system as the solution to the dispute.

Mr Whitelaw acted yesterday to cut the prison population by about three hundred, by laying before Parliament an order allowing remission for good behaviour to anyone sentenced for more than five days and up to one month. The present qualifying period of more than one month is arbitrary.

He thinks it is right in principle to apply remission to as many prisoners as possible. The benefit will be felt most at crowded local establishments where short-term prisoners are normally held. The order will come into effect on February

Prison population figures Prison population figures given yesterday showed an increase again after a big fall during the dispute. The January 19 total was 40,278, including those held in emergency accommodation. That had increased to 41,277 yesterday.

But in spire of the confusion Bur in spite of the confusion following the court case people are still being moved from emergency accommodation to

### Association loses role as provider for homeless

By Our Social Services

The Housing Corporation announced yesterday that it is ending the role of the Family Housing Association as a provider of accommodation for the homeless and is making it solely responsible for paying off an accumulated deficit of £925,000. The decisions will mean that about 100 properties which could have provided 200 homes will be sold, about ten staff will be made redundant immedi-ately, and the association will become a housing maintenance and management body.

The decisions also mean that the main recommendation of a special manager, appointed at the corporation's insistence last the corporation's insistence last September, has been rejected. The special manager recommended that the association would fight for its share of should be allowed to continue with a smaller development programme, producing 90 units a year compared with the average of 400 to 500 a year until 1978.

Although the special manager's report did not allocate blame for the association's would fight for its share of the wild plan its furnity and been accepted by the corporation or the department for the association would fight for its share of the water likely to have similar difficulties because of the Government's housing cuts.

The decision had ended the "cat and mouse" game 'played for the last three years, and meant the association could plan its future, even though it would be restricted.

financial difficulties, it did point out that the Department of the Environment had powers to waive the repayment of grants when properties were sold. That hint has not been taken up by the corporation's

taken up by the corporation's board.

The association's financial difficulties arose mainly from a moratorium imposed in 1978 on its building programme by the corporation and the Department of the Environment, when the association was faced with legal action because a proposal to buy an hotel fell through. The association won the case on appeal, but the moratorium continued for nine months, and a second one was Miss Dorcas Ward, acting director of the association, said yesterday that she was disappointed that no responsibility had been accepted by the corporation or the depart-

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## Windmill as high as Big Ben for Orkney

A windmill, which with its blades vertical will be almost as high as the clock tower of Big Ben, is planned to generate electricity in Orkney in 1983 or 1984.

The £5.6m project is the most ambitious renewable energy scheme yet to be given official support. All but £1m of the cost of the "aerogenerator" will be met by the Department of Energy, with the rest being provided by the North of Scot-land Hydro Electric Board.

If successful, the project could go a long way to supplying electricity to the outlying Scottish islands, which, at the moment, are largely supplied. by, expensive diesel-driven generators.
The hydro board tried last

year to impose a fuel surcharge on the islanders but was forced to withdraw it in the face of angry protests. As a result, a loss of about £8m is expected on providing electricity to Orknew-Shetland and the Western Isles this was. Isles this year.
Working at its full capacity

of three megawatts, the aerogenerator will provide sufficient energy for 1,000 of the
8,000 domestic consumers,
which will be fed into the
island's grid.

Planning consents for the project are required from the Secretary of State for Scotland and Orkney District Council before site work, expected to start in the spring of 1983, can begin, but no difficulties are sea winds. It is remote from

A model of the 198ft windmill planned for Orkney.

A smaller machine with a 250 kilowatt capacity is planned to begin operation in October this begin operation in October this in the system to provide experience for perimenting with wind power the running of the larger gene since the 1950s and started expected.

A site has been chosen at Burgar Hill, two miles from the coast, to take best advantage of is to begin in August.

The nyaru board has been experience for perimenting with wind power the running of the larger gene since the 1950s and started operating a 22 kilowatt general machine, a twelfth the size of tor on South Ronaldsway to the commercial aerogenerator, serpe a farm in December. That is to begin in August.

The big machine needs winds of between 16 and 60 mph to function. Those speeds are common in Orkney.

The hydro board has been ex-

# Ulster violence shown in decline

From a Staff Reporter

level of terrorist violence in Northern Ireland over the last year, especially in bombing and shooting incidents, is shown in

figures issued yesterday.

However, they do not include the IRA's coordinated bombing campaign on Monday night when six bombs exploded across the province. There are fears that it was the start of a campaign aimed specifically at

In Portadown, co Armagh, many shops, offices and some homes were badly damaged by a 400lb car bomb.

The new figures released by the Novrhery Ireland Office

Four Army and Ulster De-fence Regiment servicemen died between October and December compared with seven at the start of the year and there were no deaths among members of the RUC or its reserve. Throughout the rest of the year there had been nine such

Between October and December 115 people were charged with serious "security type offences", eight of them with murder. The figures for the first three months of the year were 166 and 26 respectively. the Northern Ireland Office with murder. The figures for show that shooring incidents declined to 139 in the last three months of 1980, compared with 180 in the first three months.

Paisley appeal: The Rev Ian

From a Staff Reporter of the year. Explosions declined Paisley yesterday called on from 108 in January to March Nowthern Ireland's unionist. A continued decline in the to 30 in the last quarter. parties to bury their differences level of terrorist violence in Ten civilians died, five of to fight a common campaign them in sectarian and factional against what he called "the interpretation of the year. Explosions declined Paisley yesterday called on Nowthern Ireland's unionist. assassinations in the last tended sell-out " of Ulster to quarter. Dublin by the British Govern-

ment.
Housing aid: The Nationwide
Building Society is to provide
morreages and imf5m for mortgages and improvements in five housing action areas of Belfast, where about 16,000 homes need im-Death after hoaz: A woman

was killed when an Army bomb squad going to what turned out to be a hoax bomb call early yesterday was in collision with a car outside Strabane, co Tyrone (the Press Association

She was named by police as often repetitive within IBA Geraldine McSorley, a nurse aged 23, of Newtownstewart. up unannounced, random and often repetitive within IBA

## GLC to increase next year's rate by 17.6%

By Christopher Warman Local Government

· The Greater, London Council is to increase its rate for the coming year by 17.6 per cent, a rise of 3.7p on the present rate of 21.7p, and well above the Government's guidelines on

Together with the likely increase in the Inner London Education Authority rate pre-cept of 46 per cent, the loss by London authorities of government grant and the expressed intentions of some Labour councils not to reduce their services, this latest indication from the GLC means that rate increases in the London area will be very high, ranging from 20 to 70 per cent

Mr Richard Brew, deputy leader of the GLC, announcing the proposed increase yester-day, said that the budget was being increased by only 7 per cent, "significantly lower than the current rate of inflation" The Government allowed in the rate support grant for the year beginning in April an in-flation of 6 per cent for pay and 11 per cent for prices, which

together make about 7 per cent. The GLC has been unable to confine its increase to that figure. A further 9 per cent was necessary because some of the council's expenditure last year was met from accumulated balances which are not available to the council of the council's expenditure last year was met from accumulated balances which are not available to the council of the council

balances which are not available this year, and the remaining 2 per cent is caused by the loss of rate support grant.

The increase is considerably larger than the Conservative administration wanted, particularly as the GLC election takes place in May, Mr Brew emphasized that over the four years.

By Kenneth Gosling

Commercials for horror films

had caused the Independent Broadcasting Authority a few difficulties recently. Lord Thomson of Monifieth, chair-

man of the IBA, said yesterday.

Speaking at a conference on radio advertising control in London, Lord Thomson said there were a lot of people who

enjoyed horror films and the IBA would not wish to stop

them being advertised. How-ever, there were many siewers and listeners who did not like them and had no wish to see

" Because commercials come

IBA chief urges restraint

on horror film advertising

average annual rate rise had been kept to a single figure.

"We are continuing our policy of taking note of the country's need to reduce public expenditure. Bearing in mind the extremely difficult financial times for local government and its ratepayers, we have made every attempt to keep the

rate increase to an absolute minimum," he stated. London has suffered a loss of government grant, which has been transferred to areas outside the main conurbations. The GLC has been particularly badly affected as well by the 18.8 per cent pay set lement for firemen, because that is a level well above the norm and one-third of the council's staff are fire-

The announcement of a high GLC precept to go with the 46 per cent ILEA increase means that it will be almost impossible for rate increases in inner Lon-don to be lower than 20 per cent Even Kensington and Chelsea, which aims to follow government guidelines, has given a warning of a big increase. The borough has lost government grant, and Mr Nigel eeman, leader, predicts in the latest newsletter that the in-crease will be "very substantial

indeed."
In the Labour-controlled boroughs of Lambeth and Camden, where increases will be in the order of 50 per cent or more, ratepayers' groups are gathering strength. In Lambeth supplementary rate bills have been burnt at protest meetings, and in Camden a new group has been launched with the inten-tion of taking legal action against the council and ensized that over the four years couraging people to withhold of its control, the council's part of the rate bibls.

able to the advertiser, the

commercials should be pro-duced with due regard to the sensitivities of the vast majo-rity of ordinary families—

rather like a U trailer promoting an X certificated film.

Lord Thomson said there were those who tried to beat the system; the authority would have no besitation in

rejecting commercial ideas and proposals that tried to mislead or that included distasteful

Recently, the IBA has re-

ceived a number of complaints

about the advertising of horror films on radio and television,

material likely to offend.

Sex bias in

is criticized

if proposals contained in the Government's recent consulta-

tive document on the taxation of

Lady Lockwood, the chairman of the Equal Opportunities Commission, said yesterday.

The Government's preferred

The Government's preserved proposal, which involves giving married couples the option of being taxed independently but does not do away with the principle of aggregating busband's and wife's incomes, did not over-

come the fundamentally objec-tionable features of the present

The Equal Opportunities Com

mission believed that the indivi-dual rather than the family should be the basic unit for tax

purposes. The consultative docu-

ment's treatment of that issue

was inadequate and often arbit-

was inadequare and orten arbit-rary, Lady Lockwood said.

She was speaking at a con-terence sponsored by the Insti-tute for Fiscal Studies

Mr Nicholas Morris, of the Institute for Fiscal Studies, an-

tax plans

## In brief Boxer's brother fined £1,400

Michael Martin Contch, aged siller 22, brother of John Conten, the boxer, was fined £1,400 and ordered to pay £4,000 compense. tion at Marlborough Street magistrates' court Leaden, yatterday after admitting stealing a cheque card belonging to his V. Genovese and using the same man's American Express card to obtain £1,404 of jewelry by deception in January last year. He lives at Elm Park Road.

His flatmate, Timothy Haw-kins, aged 25, a hairdresser, admitted offences of deception and was fined £220 and ordered to pay £240 compensation to National Westminster Bank.

#### Parcel collection halted by strike

No parcels will be collected until further notice in Greater Manchester because of an un-official strike by 1,300 postal workers, the Post Office said yesterday. Letters and packets are not affected by the strike.

Yachtswoman cleared Mrs Rosie Swale, yachts-woman and author, was cleared yesterday of soliciting as a prostitute in a London street. Mrs Swale, aged 31, told magistrates at Bow Street that she was researching a novel based on prostitution and needed to interview men for background material.

#### Union decision

The Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers' executive yesterday decided not to appeal against the High Court decision that allowed Mr Jock McPher-son Quinn, a Lambeth council-lor, to attend last Saturday's Labour Party conference as a member of the union's delega-

#### Club can stay open

Kensington and Chelsea Council has failed in its attempt to close The Garden, a night club that opened in January, 1979, without planning permission. Mr Michael Heseltine, Secre-tary of State for the Environment, overruled the counci

#### No action on steel leak

The Director of Public Prosecutions has decided that no further action should be taken ever confidential papers that were alleged to have been taken from the British Steel Corporation at Workington.

#### Boy on harm charge

and it has placed a timing res-triction on some so that they can only be shown or heard during the late evening. A boy aged 13 was remanded on bail until February 26 at Bracknell Juvenile Court, Berk-shire, yesterday accused of grievious bodily harm after an incident on Monday in which a teacher was stabbed in her

### Bridge fall girl saved

A girl aged 13 who fell on to the parapet of a footbridge over a railway line at Vanbrugh Hill, Greenwich, London, from the income tax system could be deferred indefinitely resterday, was pulled by Police Constable John

#### Canal rescue by PC

Police Constable David Lawrence rescued a man from the South Yorkshire Canal in Rotherham yesterday by jump-ing into the water and holding the man up until help arrived.

#### Girl is awarded £240,000 after hospital blunder

Tracey Clark, aged 16, who is paralysed by spinal injuries, won a £240,000 damages award in the High Court, London, yes-terday. She is the victim of a hospital blunder four years ago and is confined to a wheelchair.

Miss Clark, of Cowper Avenue, Tilbury, Essex, was awarded the damages against Essex Area Health Authority, who admitted liability for her injuries.

She had a spinal operation at Basildon Hospital in January, 1977. "Afterwards she was not properly or effectively immobilized and she sat up in bed", said Mr Michael Morland, QC, her counsel. "This caused damage to the spinal cord and as a result she is paraplegic from the lower chest down" The agreed damages include

The agreed damages include compensation for loss of educational and career prospects and "loss of companionship of people of her own age", Mr Morland said. The award would also allow her to buy a car and a suitable bungalow and would provide future nursing care.

## Man cut racehorse's tail and mane 'for revenge' From Our Correspondent Dublin Donan O'Sullivan, aged 20, a labourer, was given a suspended jail sentence and fined £30 Storm Bird as the best horse in Europe, he said he had not wanted to injure it but to use it as a way of getting revenge on Mr O'Brien.

at Cloumel District Court, co Dipperary, yesterday when he pleaded guilty to cutting the tail and hacking the mane of Storm Bird, the favourite for the Two Thousand Guineas and the Epsom Derby. The animal

The incident occurred at the Tipperary stables of Vincent O'Brien, a leading trainer, last

week.
Mr O'Sullivan said he had attacked the horse because he had a grudge against the trainer. Describing

backed by the British Government, a parliamentary answer disclosed yesterday.

British Aerospace, which is a 20 per cent partner in the consortium developing the A300 and the smaller A310, has undertaken to provide interest rate support to the banks financing the Laker deal and will, in tur, be reimbursed by the Government.

the Government.
That backing will enable
Laker Airways to pay for the
duration of the loan a fixed

interest rate broadly equivalent to that which would have been

paid for competitive sirliners from the United States, where the interest rate would have been supported by the United

States Government.

By Arthur Reed

Air Correspondent

#### "Sus" Bill to be Government to back £55m Laker purchase

By Our Political Correspondent Although a consortium of British and foreign banks is providing £55m for Sir Freddie Laker, chairman of Laker Airways, to buy three European A300 airbuses, the deal is being backed by the British Govern-

The committee set up to examine the Criminal Artempts Bill, which deals with a revision of the "sus" laws, will

3, 5 and 10 will be devoted to hearing evidence, the witnesses

States Government.

The Department of Industry said last night: "The extent of the British taxpayer's commitment will depend on the movement of the interest rate over the whole period of the deal." The action was being taken under the terms of the Civil Aviation Act. 1949. Aviation Act, 1949. Similar interest-support ar-Mr Wedgwood Benn yester-day called on the Labour rangements were announced in the Commons in April last year for the purchase by British

for the purchase by British Caledonian Airways, another independent airline, based at Gatwick airport, of six A310s. Such arrangements are agreed between the parener governments within the airbus consortium, led by France and West Germany, and are designed to fend off the competition. tion from the aerospace industry in the United States.. The finance for the Laker

purchase of three A300s was arranged by Midland Bank International It came through banks in Britain, France, West Germany, Austrio, the United States and Canada, and was over-subscribed.

## She complained that the docu-ment failed to explain clearly why the system needed reform and that it did not adequately to the animal. The tail was a foot shorter than it should be and the mane was docked. Mr O'Sulhivan apologized and the magistrate said that because of his good character reference be would give bim a two-month suspended sencence. set out or examine the various options for change. The present system discriminated between men and women on grounds of sex and marital status and was based on an outdated view of the role of women, Lady Lockwood said.

## examined by MPs' committee

Mr O'Sullivan said he was not satisfied with the trainer's treatment of his mother, brother and himself since his father, who had worked with Mr O'Brien all his life, died. Witnesses told the court that

there was no physical injury to the animal. The tail was a

For the first time a House of Commons committee charged with the duty of examining the detail of a government Bill will hear evidence from outside witnesses at three sessions before the Bill proceeds with the normal committee stage.

hear evidence from a govern-ment minister, a High Court judge and others on the pro-posals in the Bill. Three sessions on February

being subject to questions
Sir Grabam Page, Conservative MP for Crosby, a solicitor
and a former minister for local government, is chairman of the committee. The minister invited to give evidence is Mr Patrick Mayhew, QC, Minister of State at the Home Office.

# Institute for Fiscal Studies, another speaker at the conference, presented calculations to show that abolition of the married man's allowance, so that each earner receives a single person's allowance, would raise £2,600m in extra revenue. That would enable child benefit to be raised to £8.50 a week from its present £4.75. present £4.75.

#### Mr Benn says Labour should lead the movement for homosexual equality two or three years by their own

movement to play a leading part in the campaign to achieve homosexual equality.

Speaking at a meeting in the House of Commons to launch a new booklet from the National Council for Civil Liberties (NCCL), he said that the Labour Party's National Executive Committee would soon be issuing a comprehensive policy issuing a comprehensive policy document on homosexual rights.

Mr. Benn, Labour MP for Bristol, South-East, who wrote the foreword to the booklet, Gay Workers: Trade Unions and the Law, said that homosexual people, like blacks and women, were particularly vulnerable to discrimination. "People who have "come out" in the last

action make themselves vulner-able in an atmosphere of fear and suspicion caused by rising unemployment", he said.

He explained that he had taken up the issue because he was a great believer in civil liberties and in the rights of people to live their own lives in their own way. When the case of Mr John Saunders, who was dismissed for being homosexual, was reported, he had rung the NCCL in anger, Mr

Mr Saunders's case has become a cause celebre among homosexuals and is described in some detail in the pamphlet. He was dismissed from his job as a maintenance worker by the Scottish Camps Association when it was learnt he was homosexual.

An industrial tribunal found his employers were justified in dismissing him because of the widely held belief that homo-sexuals were a risk to children.

Mr Benn said that Labour's policy document, which should contain a binding pledge on future legislation to end homesexual discrimination, would be put into practice when the party was next in office. "The present inequality re-

lating among other things to the definition of privacy, the differ-ing ages of consent, the exclusion of the Armed Services and and the Merchant Navy cannot be justified and must be completely swept away from the statute books". he said.

Gay Workers: Trade Unions and the Law (National Council for Civil Liberties, 186 King's Cross Road, London WC1X 9DE, £1.20).

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#### HOME NEWS.

## sought in Rampton man's case

By Lucy Hodges

Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services, has been asked to take legal action against a local authority which is refusing to accept a patient from Rampton special hospital who is ready for release to a

MIND, the mental health charity, has written to the minister urging him to use his legal powers to force Kent County Council to accept a man who had been waiting three years to leave the high security

Mr Jenkin's attention is drawn to the report by the Boynton committee into the management of Rampton, published last November, which referred to the "scandal" of patients fit for transfer who could not leave the hospital.

MIND considers the council is breaking the law because it says it has a statutory duty to provide accommodation for such people. The council strongly denies that and says Islington Borough Council, where the man came from, has legal obligations towards him.

Islington has agreed to pay for the man, who wishes to remain anonymous, to be housed in Kent because he wishes to be there, near a relation. Kent County Council said yesterday that it had tried to help the man, but had been unable to man, but had been unable to do so because three local psychiatric hospitals refused to take him and it had been decided he should not go to a hostel in Ashford.

The council said it was agreed that the man ought to be transferred to a hospital between hoses and there has been a single property than a hose of the property had been unable to the party had been unable to the property had been unable to the party had been unable to the property had been u

rather than a hostel, where he would receive the necessary support. Part of the reason for him being rejected for the hostel was that the staff there had had considerable manage-ment difficulties with another former special hospital patient

MIND replied that the coun-cil was evading responsibility. The patient has pursued every available lawful procedure that any human being has and has been declared fit for release", Mr Gostin said. "Yet he is still in a maximum security haspital."

The difficulty patients have in being transferred from special hospitals to places in the community is well known and widespread, and the Gov-ernment is increasingly realiz-ing that something should be done about it.

#### Thames TV fails to get ban on film lifted

Thames Television failed in the Court of Appeal yesterday in its attempt to have lifted an injunction banning it from screening a documentary film about Primodos, the pregnancy testing drug at the centre of

pending damages claims.

By a majority, Lord Denning,
Master of the Rolls, dissenting,
the court dismissed Thames
TV's appeal from the ban granted last August, on screening the film The Primodos Affair. The injunction was in favour of Schering Chemicals Ltd, the British subsidiary of a West German company.
It is contesting two damages

claims by parents who say their children were born with mal-formations as a result of their mothers taking Primodos, which was withdrawn in 1978. Schering was awarded two-thirds of the costs.

## Legal action | Government proposal for taking colleges from council control likely to receive mixed response

Education Correspondent Some local authorities will. protest noisily over government plans to remove polytechnics and higher education colleges from local authority control, but many will be secretly relieved to have the financial burden lifted, and most will come to accept with resignation the radical change.

That is the view of most local authority leaders and education officials consulted on the

There is complete agreement among the man's doctors and social workers, the mental health review tribunal and successive Home Secretaries that the patient should not be in any hospital, Mr Larry Gostin, legal director of MIND, says.

Mr Jenkin's attention The proposals involve a new semi - independent, national body along the lines of the University Grants Committee, which would be responsible for allocating government funds to polytechnics and other maintained colleges with a large proportion of higher education

At present, all maintained institutions of higher education are financed and managed by local authorities. The polytech-

nics have long pressed for their removal from local authority

The Government hopes to have a public consultative document ready by early sum-mer before a White Paper; which would be followed almost certainly by the legislation necessary to set up the new

It is likely that the new body would not have direct represen-tation of particular interest groups, but rather it would be made up of eminent people drawn from higher education, industry and local government, but appointed in a personal canacity.

Polytechnics are certain not have fulfilled their other wish for complete autonomy; their degree courses will still have to be approved by the Council for National Academic Awards (CNAA), but they are likely to be given greater con-trol over budgets, subject to trol over budgets, subject to any guidance or directions given by the new national body.
The Government would like the new body to have some say over higher education courses in the maintained sector, but how that would be achieved remains to be

achieved remains to answered. Mr Boyson is known to want some regional dimension in-

n again the details are still to be worked out. It is possible that the existing regional advisory councils could be used for that purpose. ...

Another unanswered question is: Which colleges should be included under the new national body and which left to local authority control? There are about 100 polytechnics and colleges with 60 per cent or more of their work in higher education. Should they all be included?

Mrs Angela Rumbold, Con-servative leader of Kingston-council and the chairman of the Council of Local Education Authorities last year, has described the plans as "a grab-for power by central govern-ment". She warned heads of maintained colleges at a con-ference last week that the scheme could force the closure of some colleges and create

of some colleges and create big changes in others.

That kind of public outcry is expected. In private, some even agree that it would be better for higher-education to be necessarily administrated. The be nationally administered. The Labour-controlled metropolitan authorities with polytechnics in their area are expected to pro-

New graduates: Lieutenant Roland Playford, RM; Mr Graham Franklin, fishmonger; and WPC Angela Frederick.

## Mandatory grants to Open University students rejected

orrespondent \_\_\_\_\_ and raff at the Open University came from Mr Mark Carlisle. Secretary of State for Education and Science, yesterday, but he ruled out any chance in the immediate future of introducing mandatory grants for the

Mr Carlisle said at an Open University press conference in London that 45,000 students have graduated from that university since it began in 1971. One in 16 of sil new graduates in Britain come from that

Rise in number of abortions

In 1979, 120,611 legal abortions were performed on women normally living in England and Wales, an increase of about 8,600 over 1978, More than half the women in-volved were single. A total of 3,534 girls under 16 had abortions, against 3,298 in 1978.

Some people looked down on the university's degrees, but they were misguided, he said. they were misguided, he said.
For as well as saying as much about a person's academic status as any other degree, it said a greet deal more about his character, initiative and perseverance qualities that employers would do well to bear in mind.

Mr Carlisle said that his secretary was an Open University graduate, so he had some idea of the effort it took to complete such a degree. Most university this year was £45m students, bad to overcome the and the raxpayer subsidized 90

pressures and practical diffi-cuities involved in "distance" learning while at the same time holding down full-time jobs or looking after looking after their homes On the Government's decision On the Government's decision to increase the university's undergraduate course fees next year by nearly half to £98. Mr Carlisle said that ar a time when other sectors of education had to make savings, the students should be asked to make an increased contribu-

The Government grant to the tion. toards the cost

per cent of the cost of a student's course. The fee increase would make that about

A survey published yesterday shows that an necreasing propor-tion of new Open University graduates had less than purnal miversity intrance require-ments when they started their degrees; the tapplied to a quarter of this year's graduates; and 4 per cent had started with no formal examination qualifications at all

Of the students who started in 1971, 56 per cent have completed their degrees.

## BBC and Equity agree on pay Sy Kenneth Gosling as of great importance by are extremely hopeful that this The BBC yesterday gave a Equity.

By Kenneth Gosling

guarantee to maintain employment levels for 1981-82 when agreement was announced with Equity, the actors' union, on new pay rates for television appearances.

The union accepted the BBC's fourth offer, a 10 per cent increase in the overall artists' budget from February 7 to April 1 and 15 per cent to December 31, with a new agreement from January 1, 1982.

The 15 per cent increase was averages 12.8 per cent over the previously to have run until February 1, 1982. The employment guarantee was regarded secretary of Equity, said: "We

The BBC reiterated its inten-tion, if its financial position improves to narrow the gap in artists' fees paid by it and the independent relevision com-

The gap was greater than it would like, it said. Mr Alsadair Milne, the managing director of BBC Television, said that economies would be sought to pay for the £1.3m the agree-ment would cost. The increase averages 12.8 per cent over the

recent years.

"We think the BBC are now convinced, for the first time and at a higher level, that they have neglected the place of the performer in their overall operation."

When the full award is imple mented, the basic weekly fee will rise from £125 to 141. Independent television's basic figure

The BBC had formerly said that any increase over 10 per cent would mean automatic loss Yesterday's employment.

## Court clears man who says he was framed

A man who claimed that the possessing a small amount of cannabis on him during a betting shop raid was cleared Gordon had not raised the the plainest posses by the Court of Appeal yester day of possessing the drug.

Lascelles Gordon, aged 37, unemployed of Pytchley Road, East Dulwich, London, who was fined £100 at the Central jury that they could draw any words Mr Gordon might be Criminal Court on January 11, adverse inference from Mr been acquitted.

Mr Justice Hodgson added This was the plainest possible invitation to the jury to take as indictative of guilt, the fact that this appellant had exercised his common law right of silence." But for the Judge's words Mr Gordon might have been acquitted.

## MP says jobless men were told to advertise

By Pat Healy Social Services Correspondent

A Labour MP is protesting that pressure is being put on unemployed family men to ad-vertise themselves as available for work as a condition of keeping their right to supple-mentary benefits.

Mr Frank Field, Mr for Birkenhead, discloses today that three constituents were interviewed in a locked room and told they would lose their benefits were recognized to be the minimum subsistence level and were not with amough to allow for advergence and to allow for advergence and the subsistence level and were not with amough to allow for advergence and the subsistence level and were not allow for advergence and the subsistence level and were not allow for advergence and the subsistence level and were not allow for advergence and the subsistence level and the subsistence level and were not allow for advergence and the subsistence level and were not allow for advergence and the subsistence level and the subsist

Mr Field has written to Mr Parrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services, point-ing out that his intervention has restored the mea's benefit, and asking how he can rebut the charge that the Government's anti-fraud drive is being used to deny honest claimants benefits to which they are entitled.

In his letter, Mr Field says that the three men have been unemployed for a considerable time, which is not surprising in view of the high unemployment in Birkenhead. All are respon-sible for young children.

They told him that they felt they had been interrogated, ntesting two damages they had been interrogated, the letters signed by his consideration were born with maliciant policy to their would be stopped. They said they were nervous, "not to say terrified" during the interview. They were told their right to the anti-fraud drive for the costs.

Law Report, page 9 they had been intervogated, the letters signed by his consideration in the important policy tousiderations raised by the cases. He is asking whether the interviews terrified" during the interview. They were told their right to of the anti-fraud drive for benefit might continue for a short time if they signed a targetk of saving f50m a year.

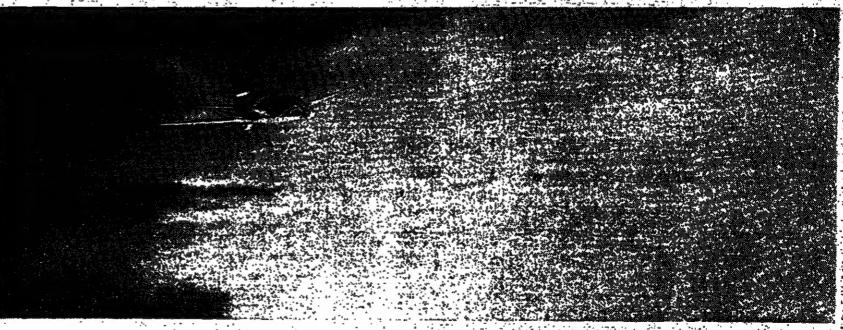
"The gist of the leters was that they would spend part of their weekly benefit in advertising either in the local paper or in having bills printed to be distributed on a house to house basis advertising the fact that they were looking for work," Mr Field wrote.

tising costs. It was the task of the Department of Employment to find work but the local Jobcepare had told social security office for infor-mation about jobs that could be used in such interviews.

"This is a vicious move that illustrates a deeper problem the widening gap between the Department of Health and Social Security, who pay benefits, and the Department of Employment, who attempt to find work."

Mr Field has asked Mr Jenkin to give him copies of the letters signed by his constituents and for his response to important policy considerations raised by the cases. He is asking whether the interviews

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## Mrs Castle deplores small percentage of woman members of Parliament

By Frances Gibb

Britain has the lowest percentage of women in parliament of any of the European coun-tries, Mrs Barbara Castle, leader of the British Labour Group in the European Parlia-ment, told a conference in London yesterday.

"History has given us the suffragettes; the forgers of freedom for women, but only 3 per cent of our Parliament is made up of women" she told a conference on "Equal Rights under Attack" organized by the Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff.

By comparison, Denmark had 23.5 per cent; The Netherlands 14.7 per cent; Luxembourg 13.6 per cent; Belgium 11.8 per cent; Italy 8.3 per cent: Ger-many 8. per cent; Ireland 7.1 per cent and France 4.3 per cent, "In Britain we cannot hold up our heads over that", In Britain we cannot But Mrs Castle told the

conference, attended by about 40 delegates, that Britain led Europe in the use of its legisla-tion for sex equality. Imple-mentation of the Equal Pay Act, 1975 had been more effective in Britain than anywhere else in the European Community.

The ad hoc committee on women's rights of the European Parliament had just published a report, to be debated next month, which showed that complaints against pay discrimination in other member states had been almost non-existent. "But in the United Kingdom they have been spectacular."

"In Luxembourg and Denmark, the report points out, there has been no recourse to the courts over equal pay. In Denmark and West Germany, there is no administrative super vision of the equal pay laws by the authorities. In Italy last year only 10 cases of pay dis-crimination were taken through

In the United Kingdom, Mrs Castle said, the full implement-tation of the Act was followed by a flood of applications to tribunals. The total of 1,742 had now decreased to 343 because a number of test cases had been settled but that figure was still way ahead of elsewhere.

The trade unions had a vital role to play in making sex equality a reality. Mrs Castle said. "There is still a long way to go. There are still far too few women in trade unions and the unions are not likely to recruit them as long as they present an almost exclusively male front in their top jobs and in their conferences."

Trade unions should use their position in the Labour Parry to get more women into Parliament, she said. Passing laws was only the first stage. up to women to implement them, improve them and change attitudes. And it is up to the trade unions to give women that opportunity."

## Budgerigar owners warned of disease

From Our Correspondent Sheffield · A coroner yesterday warned

budgerigar owners about a rare, fatal illness that could be caused by the birds. He was speaking at an inquest into the death of Mrs Florence Fryer, of Chaucer Road, Sheffield.

Dr Herbert Pilling, coroner for South Yorkshire, west, said: "I am not trying to cause a panic because few peo-ple are likely to develop this disease when they come into contact with budgerigars. It is the first time I have come across it and I feel it is so rare

t should be given some pub-

The inquest was told that Mrs Fryer, aged 57, bought the bird seven years ago and be-gan feeling ill two years later. She had chest pains

Doctors were unable to diagnose her illness until 12 months ago, by which time it was too late. She was admitted to hospital a week ago and died a day later. Dr Elspeth Alstead, medical registrar, told the coroner the

cause of death was respiratory

failure caused by

The disease is caused by allergic reaction to inhaled substances from certain pro-teins contained in budgerigars, usually caused by the drop-pings. It only occurs in certain individuals who become sensitized to these dusts."

The coroner said any budgerigac owner who suffered symptoms similar to Mrs Fryer's would be advised to get rid of the bird and seek im-

mediate medical help. The coroner recorded a verdeath from natural

## BMA aims to improve city health care by incentive payments

By Nicholas Timmins
The British Medical Association has proposed a series of incentive payments to doctors, nurses and health visitors in inner cities and other areas with poor family doctor services to try to stop the falling quality of such care.

The proposals are aimed at encouraging family doctors in such areas to retire earlier, and at increasing their income to meet the higher costs They would discourage

They would discourage general practitioners from running lists of only 1,000 patients, which allows the doctor to claim most of the basic National Health Service allowances and to earn extra income from private or other work outside the health service. They would also discourage doctors from maximizing their income by taking on so many patients that they cannot pro-

the proper care.

The proposals have gone to the Primary Health Care Study Group, which is due to report to the Department of Health later this year, and they have been compared to the property of the prope been sympathetically received by some of its members.

There has been increasing concern about the standard of

in eight is aged over 70, and one in six has a list of fewer than 1,000 patients.
Figures for 1977 show that

on average England and Wales have barely one general practi-tioner in 20 aged over 65, and fewer than one in 50 have lists of less than 1,000 patients. In Kensington, Chelsea and Westminster, more than three doctors in a hundred had lists of more than 3,500 patients in 1977, compared with fewer than two a hundred in the rest of

the country, where the average list is about 2,200

The British Medical Association said yesterday that the difficulties of running good family doctor services included a very mobile population, high turnover of nursing staff and high costs

The association said also that a doctor might be refused permission to start a practice in inner London because the proportion of general practitioners to population is high.

The BMA's proposals would allow doctors working in underprivileged areas one year's credit towards retirement for even five years worked, an that even five years worked, so that concern about the standard of care in some inner city areas. A report prepared by the Royal College of General Practitioners has shown that inner London has on average more doctors with small lists of patients, more with very large lists, more aged over 70 and more working single-handed than in the rest of the country.

In Kensington, Chelsea and educative years worked, so that a doctor who worked there throughout his career could retire at 55. Extra payments would be made when a new patient registered, and for night visits. In addition, a higher annual capitation fee would be made when a new patient registered, and for night visits. In addition, a higher annual capitation fee would be made when a new patient registered, and for night visits. In addition, a higher annual capitation fee would be made when a new patient registered, and for night visits. In addition, a higher annual capitation fee would be made when a new patient registered, and for night visits. In addition, a higher annual capitation fee would be made when a new patient registered, and for night visits. In addition, a higher annual capitation fee would be made when a new patient registered, and for night visits. In addition, a higher annual capitation fee would be made when a new patient registered, and for night visits. In addition, a higher annual capitation fee would be made when a new patient registered, and for night visits. In addition, a higher annual capitation fee would be made when a new patient registered, and for night visits. In addition, a higher annual capitation fee would be made when a new patient registered, and for night visits. In addition, a higher annual capitation fee would be made when a new patient registered, and for night visits. In addition, a higher annual capitation fee would be made when a new patient registered, and for night visits. In addition, a higher annual capitation fee would be made when a new patient registered, and for night visits. In addition, a higher annual capitation fee would be made when a new pat

## £540,000 for research into medical inequalities

A grant of £540,000 has been made by the Department of Health and Social Security to the department of general practice at Manchester Uni-versity for research into inequalities of medical care in underprivileged inner city Concern about such inequali-

ties was expressed in the 1980 royal commission report on the National Health Service and by the DHSS working group chaired by Professor Sir chaired by Professor Sir Douglas Elack, former professor of medicine at Manchester University and chief scientist to the department.
The university said yester-day that despite the concern, there was little detailed in

formation about the extent and nature of the variations in medical services in the inner cities compared with other

areas.

The grant will support a DHSS research unit directed by Professor David Metcalfe, professor of general practice, initially for six years. It will concentrate at first on the relatively unhealthy areas of Manchester and Salford.

More than 600 general practice.

and Saltord.

More then 600 general practitioners will be interviewed
about aspects of health that
confront them in their surgeries and on visits, and about their own practices and attitudes. The accessibility and acceptability of doctors, community nurses, health visitors and social workers will also be considered. Child mortality, page 9

#### Man denies he intended to harm stepson The Customs and Excise de-A man alleged to have ill-

treated his stepson, aged two-and-a-half, by ducking him in a swimming pool, denied at Leeds Crown Court yesterday that he had any intention of

Steven James Greenwood and the boy "went under the water two, possibly three, times at the most, but I had no intention of barming him in any shape or form.

Mr Greenwood, aged 28, a

bus driver, of Town Street, Stanningley, Leeds, has pleaded not guiky to wilfully ill-treating or exposing Terence Benjamin Ryan in a manner likely to cause him unnecessary suffer-ing or injury to health. The trial continues today.

#### Money too hot for thieves

Thieves worked through the night to open a safe, but when they eventually burnt off its side at offices of agricultural engineers in Eanbury they found only charred banknotes and cheques. The owner said the heat from

the thieves' cutting equipment set fire to the coments of about have been overcharged by more £150 in notes and cheques.

#### Customs seeking 2,000 who overpaid duty

partment is trying to trace two thousand people who have been overcharged duty on cars im-ported into Britain.

The errors emerged during an investigation by the Ombuds-man into the case of a Briton returning to this country who was given wrong information by a Customs officer as to when he could resell his imported car without paying duty and value-added tax.

When he came to sell his car he was faced with an un-expected bill of £213 for customs charges but during the Ombudsman's inquiry into the cas: an error in assessing charges was found.

Charges can be assessed in two ways: on the value of the car at the time of import and the rates of duty and tax in force at that time; or the value of the car when it is sold and the rates in force then. Customs charge whichever is the lower and in recent years that has invariably been the

second option; but when VAT went up from 8 to 15 per cent in 1979 it made the first option more favourable. Customs say 2,000 people



#### WEST EUROPE AND OVERSEAS

## Left wing fights against pay restraint programme Belgian Socialist leader resigns

Against a background of deepening economic crisis and Even if Mr Cools is replaced, mounting social unrest, the as is chought likely, by Mr Guy Belgian Government has been Spitzels, the Deputy Prime dealt a severe blow by the Minister, who also supports the announcement that the leader of one of the two main parties Socialist Party and trade union in the coalition is to resign. Mr André Cools, president of

the Socialist Party, which governs in partnership with the Christian Democrats, disclosed last night that he will not be standing for reelection at his party's congress next month. The decision comes after a period of increasing tension between Mr Cools and left-wing members of his party and the FGTB, the socialist-affiliated

trade union organization, over his support for the Government's economic recovery plan, which includes a two-year freeze on wage rises. The last straw for Mr Cools, it appears, was the decision last week of several Socialist MPs to

vote against the pay restraint policy.

An attempt by 24 left-wing Social Democrats to have West Germany's defence budget reduced by DM 1,000m (about £210m) has been firmly stifled by the SPD parliamentary

by the SPD parliamentary party.

Its rejection has removed for the present one of the many problems besetting Herr Helmut Schmidt, the Chancellor, while yet more have come to a head.

The resolution by the 24 leftwingers to switch DM1,000m from the defence budget to development aid has been interpreted here as an indirect move against the dual Nato decision on medium-range

move against the dual Mato decision on medium-range nuclear missiles, which is a fundamental pillar of the Government's defence policy.

As well as the production and stationing of medium-range nuclear missiles, the decision provides for negotiations with

provides for negotiations with the Soviet Union on a balanced

reduction of missile numbers.

It was the first time the restless SPD had flexed its muscles
in the new Bundestag. During
the last parliament, when Herr

Schmidt had a much narrower majorky, a smaller group of left-wingers had on occasions forced him to modify legislation

and sometimes left the coalition

in a minority.

Now Herr Schmidt's majority is bigger, but so is the left wing. About a quarter of the 218 deputies are rated as left.

wingers,
As it was, the move by the 24
did not get far. After a long discussion last night, the parliamentary party approved a resolution presented by its executive ruling out any cuts in defence spending and calling for
efforts to increase development

Thirty-seven deputies voted

against the resolution. Their

reasons were not given, but it

had attracted some supporters.

Earlier, Herr Schmidt, Herr

Willy Brandt, the party chairman, and Herr Hans Apel, the Defence Minister, spoke em-

phatically against any tamper-ing with the Government's de-

Eight doctors in

case on abortion

Eight doctors have gone on trial in Paris in a test case over the abortion law. Although

they are accused of making a

fortune by abusing the law, it is clear as the case progresses

that it is the law itself—first introduced in 1975—which is

The case concerns the events

t a clinic called La Pergola

in a poor district of northern Paris. The police began their

inquiry there after one of the

doctors, horrified that an abor-

tion had been carried out on a girl who was five months

pregnant, reported the matter. He is himself now one of the

eight accused.
The two main offences of

evidence that up to 15,000 francs (£1,360) was being charged for an abortion.

In addition to the doctors, five relatives of the girls who had

abortions carried out at the clinic, are also charged with offences under the abortion

law.
Dr Aime Marchand, the director of La Pergola, who has spent the past 15 months in

prison awaiting trial, told the court that the case bad been

brought only because the policy of the Government had changed

after Mme Simone Veil had left

the Health Ministry and M Christian Bonnet, the Minister

of the Interior, began to involve

himself in the law.

"Lime Veil represented tolerance; M Bonet represents repression," he said. "They (the Government) have laun-

ched a policy for increasing the

birth rate and they are carrying

Milan, Jan 27.-A woman was

injured when a powerful bomb exploded at the Swiss tourist office here, wrecking cars and destroying the Bureau. A sec-

ond bomb went off at a Swiss-

Swiss offices bombed

out a witch hunt.

Paris test

From Ian Murray

Paris, Jan 27

From Fatricia Clough Bonn, Jan 27

Mr Cools has been a powerful domestic ally of Mr Wilfried Martens, traffic. the Prime Minister, who is a To add Flemish Christian Democrat. Government economic austerity measures,

the coalition. Steel workers in Liège came out on strike today in protest against a government plan to merge Belgium's biggest steel-making concern, which would put between 2,000 and 4,000 men out of work. Steel workers in Charleroi are already on

in the economically depressed. French-speaking southern half of the country, groups of tex-tile workers have been on a hunger strike this month be-cause of threatened plant

Other textile workers have been blocking road and rail links to and from the two towns during certain hours of the day, causing the diversion of

which could not be changed for domestic considerations.

They also argued that it was essential that West Germany's

essential that West Germany's defence policy should be considered reliable and constant by its allies, otherwise its influence, particularly in the United States, would suffer.

A spokesman for the Free Democrats, the SPD's coalition

partners, gave warning earlier that if the move by the 24 was not suppressed the conlition would be in danger of falling

Disagreement and discontent in the coalition are one of the

Chancellor's biggest problems, and today be moved to tackle the most intractable issue.

He decided to take personal charge of efforts to reach a compromise between the FDP

and the SPD on adjustments to

Mitbestimmung, the laws con-cerning worker participation on the supervisory boards of the coal and steel industry.

The highly complex issue has

brought into conflict basic principles of the two parties on which both are reluctant to yield, they falled to reach agreement on it during the coalition

negotiations after the October elections, and efforts to reach

elections, and efforts to reach
a compromise have severely
strained the partnership.
An attempt by the Chancellor
and other SPD leaders to settle
another tricky problem has, in
effect, farled. They could not
agree a common position with
the north German Social Demo-

crats over the future of a big

nuclear power station at Brokdorf, north of Hamburg. For a variety of reasons both the local Social Democrats and

the Free Democrats are divided

among themselves about Brokdorf, which has been the

meeting ended with a some-

what lame recommendation to local politicians, local authori-

ties and firms to seek the broadest possible agreement on

f violent anti-nuclear demonstrations. The

To add to its troubles, the Government learnt from British Leyland today that the decision Leyland today that the decision to close the company's Belgian assembly plant for Allegros and Minis at Seneffe was arrevocable". Belgium will now try to persuade a Japanese car manufacturer to take the plant over and save the 2,800 jobs at risk. Anti-British feeling is running high at the plant, which has never had a strike or a work stoppage in 17 years.

Mr. Peter Wakefield, the

Mr Peter Wakefield, the British Ambassador to Belgium, has been summoned to a meeting with Mr Martens tomorrow in what is seen as a last ditch effort to prevent closure of the plant and save jobs. At Verviers and Tubize, also

The growing industrial unrest follows a demonstration last weekend in Brussels by be-tween 80,000 and 100,000 trade unionists against the Government's economic austerity pro-gramme. It is feared that this could signal the end of union passivity in the face of rising memployment levels, already the highest in Europe.

#### Bonn's defence budget W Germans join fray in survives revolt by left fence policy. They pointed out that West Germany had inter-national defence commitments

Brussels, Jan 27 The crisis over EEC fisheries policy despened here today as agriculture ministers failed to break the deadlock reached last December, and became involved in a new dispute.

rights.
It would permit Community
vessels to catch 14,500 toxoes of
cod and 7,000 tonnes of squid to Britain.

fleet would get the major share of this catch, and their fishermen, who are mounting a protest blockade of Cuxhaven and threatening to extend it to other ports, say they must have access to Canadian waters by the end of February because encreaching winter ice will make fishing impossible after

March.

Notification was held up mainly by Britain. Mr Peter Walker, the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, told an anary and table-thumping Herr Erti that there was "no way the British Government could agree to the Canadian deal except as part of a general fisheries settlement". fisheries settlement".

Discussions on the share-out between member states of the fish caught within the EEC's 200-mile limits, and of the related issue of access to coastal waters broke no new ground

energy policy.

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## **EEC** fishing debate From Michael Hornsby

This was a demand from Herr Josef Erd, the West German minister, for swift ratification of an EEC agreement with Canada on reciprocal fishing

in Canadian waters this year, in return for tariff concessions on Canadian fish exports mainly The West German deep sea

Negonations on these two questions broke down last month, mainly because of French resistance to Britain's demands for control of the activity of foreign vessels in its coastal fishing grounds The ministers will meet again in Brussels on February 9 and

## East and West fail to agree on disarmament formula

From Richard Wigg Madrid, Jan 27

protest

The second phase of the European security review conference opened here today, with delegations from the West and the communist countries far apart on the conditions they would accept for holding any kind of disarmament conference within the framework of the Helsinki Act.

Rival proposals for holding such a conference are likely to which the doctors are accused concern either carrying out abortions on minors or on women whose pregnancy was further advanced than the tenth week. In the background is

A diplomatic tussle also looms over the holding of a third follow-up conference on the Helsinki process itself, on the lines of this Madrid meeting, which began its first phase last Manager.

last November. With the United States delegation awaiting instructions on

From Our Correspondent France has failed to convince

Britain today also expressed

be the chief business occupying this second phase, with the West rejecting a Soviet-backed Polish proposal for a conference on military detente and disarmament as a propaganda exercise designed to luli exercise designed to luli Western public opinion into a false sense of security, and pre-ferring a French proposal limited strictly to additional confidence-building measures of a verifiable nature in the land military sphere.

#### Rhine nations reject plan to clean river

Paris, Jan 27

the four other countries touched by the Rhine (Switzerland, West Germany, Luxembourg and Holland) to accept the idea of building a salt extraction plant as the best way of cleaning up the rivet. Instead a meeting of environ-

meat ministers from all five countries in The Hague agreed yesterday that, failing the project to inject excess salt into the ground below Alsace (a solution rejected by France), then the waste from the French potash mines would have to be transported either by barge to the North Sea or clse taken away in a special pipeline.

# the attitude to adopt towards the French proposal from the new Reagan Administration, Mr

Max Kampelman, who continues as its leader, concentrated in his speech today on condemning further violations of human rights by the Soviet Union while the conference was in

apparent recent intensification of discriminators of discriminatory measures against Jews in the Soviet Union. Détente does not exist today

as an accurate description of East-West relations, the Russians were told flatly today by Mr Kampelman But the chief United States delegate went on to emphasize that détente sill remained an American objective.

Mr Kampelman is expected in

Washington at the weekend to clarify instructions on the French proposal from Mr Alexander Haig, the new Secretary of State. Most Western delega-tions hope, and expect that this first indication of the new Administration's line in an important foreign policy field will draw the United States closer to its Nato allies. party. Mr Nkomo, who was demoted

two men comes after a week in which they are believed to have met almost daily. The Patriotic Front Central Committee had earlier passed a document to Mr Mugabe, stating anxiety over the fact that the replace-ment of Mr Nkomo as Minister of Home Affairs effectively deprived the party of any say in matters of security.

Under the agreement Mr Nkomo retains his position on

the Cabinet committee on security, and will take on additional responsibilities by assist-ing Mr Mugabe in his role as Minister of Defence.

Mr. Mugabe's statement said:
"I will assign to Comrade

on public security."

In a clear reference to the danger, frequently mentioned in the past two weeks of con-

in the past two weeks of con-frontation between Zipra guer-rillas who support Mr Nkomo and the Zania forces of Mr Mugabe's Zanu (PF) Party, the Mugabe's Zanu (PF) Party, the farmers and redistribute it among blacks. Mr Mugabe has eaid, that the amount contririllas who support Mr Nkomo of the Government's programme and the Zania forces of Mr to acquire land owned by white Mugabe's Zanu (PF) Party, the statement cointinued: "Common blacks. Mr Mugabe has said that the amount contribute it among blacks. Mr Mugabe has said that the amount contribute it among blacks.

An official death toll has still not been announced. How-ever, authoritative sources said it was certain to be more than 100 dead and could be as high as 200, making it South Africa's worst natural disaster. So far rescue workers, including the control of the country of the c

So far rescue workers including the police, Army, Air Force and civilians, have found only a few bodies. It is feared that many of the victims may never be found as their bodies are hidden under tons of mud. Some survivors were dragged as for as 13 miles by the raging Buffels river before reaching safety.

Laingsburg was the town most seriously affected by the flood, but other towns and While rescue workers continued their search for victims of the Laingsburg floods, Mr Pieter Botha, the South African Prime Minister, announced today that he had set up a special Cabinet committee to

assess the damage and losses in the disaster area.

President Marais Villoen has set up a relief find for flood victims. Several organizations, including a Cape Town newsflood, but other towns and villages in the south-western Cape were also damaged. They include Ladysmith, Worcester, Montagu, Robertson and Swellendam. Millions of pounds worth of damage has been done

## paper and a supermarket chain, have also set up their own disaster funds. Mr Nkomo takes on new Cabinet tasks in Salisbury compromise

A victim of the Laingsburg floods is reunited with her

daughters after being rescued from the Buffels river which carried her and her husband more than 10 miles.

From Stephen Taylor

by Mr Robert Mugabe, the Prime Minister, that a com-promise had been reached over the position in the Cabinet of Mr Joshua Nkomo, leader of the minority Patriotic Front

Relief funds

flood victims

From Our Own Correspondent

set up for

Johannesburg, Jan 27

in the Cabinet reshuffle two weeks ago and offered the port-folio of Minister of Public Services, had been appointed Minister Without Portfolio with special responsibilities; Mr special responsibilities, Mr Mugabe said in the statement. The agreement between the

Nkomo certain specific tasks from time to time which in my judgment require specific handling in the varional interest.

"The inister Withour, Portfolio will continue to be a member of the Cabinet committee

rades participate alongside Zania in the speedy creation Salisbury, Jan 27

The crisis threatening Zimof one united Zimbabwe babwe's coalition Government National Army, and in ensuring the establishment of an imacable relationship between Zanla and Zipra and the general pub-lic in pursuance of peace and national security."

The statement added: "With immediate effect, the Ministry of Public Service will come under the Prime Minister. Comrade Nkomo will assist me with some of these functions."

Mr. oJsiab Chinamano, Mr. Nkomo's main aide; will take over the portfolio of Transport, as Mr. Mugabe had suggested in announcing the cabinet reshuffle. Mr. Chinamano does not have a continuo of the Bours of have a seat in the House of Assembly, but may be appointed by the Patriotic Front to fill the seat vacated by Mr Ariston Chambati, who has been appointed Ambassador to West

The only rmemaining element in the compromise formula still to be disclosed is whether Mr Nkomo has successfullwy negotiated further deputy ministries for his party.
It is believed that in the docu-

ment sent to Mr Mugabe he sought further posts to the additional one deputy ministry offered by the Prime Minister. The list of new deputy ministers is to be announced on Thursday. American aid: The United States is to provide Zimbabwe with a further \$20m (£8.3m) for education, health and agricultural projects under a nagree-ment signed here today.

The grant brings to about \$50m the aid provided by Washington to Mr Mugabe's Government since independence lust

ister of Defence with the inter-gratin process of our forces by ject has been "far from ensuring that our Zipra com-adequate".

## Boy is shot dead in Copperbelt mine riot

Lusaka, Jan 27.—A 14-year-old boy was shot dead and about 50 people were injured when police stepped in yesterday to quell a riot at a mine township in the Zambian Copperbelt, the official press

reported today. The death was the first reported in more than a week of industrial unrest which began in the country's vital copper and cobalt industry and spread to the banking and insurance sector.

The Times of Zambia, run by the ruling United National Inthe ruling United National Independence Party, said the
shooting took place when
police moved in to break up a
riot and a bullet hit the boy,
who was walking home from
school. The shooting angered
the crowd, which went through
the township stoning vehicles
and setting up roadblocks, the
paper said.—Reuter.
Serious challenge: The labour

paper said.—Retter.
Serious challenge: The labour
unrest on the Copperbelt poses
the most serious challenge to
President Kaunda's rule since last October's alleged coup attempt which led to the detention of a number of prominent Zambiaus (Nicholas Ashford writes from Johannesburg).

The mineworkers, who have the mineworkers, who have been striking in protest at the dismissal from Unip of 17 senior trade union officials, have the power to inflict extensive damage to Zambis's already shaky economy because the copper they produce generates 95 per cent of the country's foreign exchange earnings.

Furthermore, the Mine-workers Union of Zambia and the Zambian Congress of Trada Unions to which the expelled officials belonged, are the most powerful organizations in the country not contaolled by the

The unions and the government have been on a collision course since last year. At one stage it looked as though a general strike would be called and President Kaunda only managed to head this off by threatening to implicate the unions in last year's coup

Officially, the unions' growing opposition to President Kaunda's Administration is due to the Government's failure to improve pay and conditions of employment. However, there are employment. However, there are important political factors as well. In particular, they want to curb the growing power of the party and especially the party's Central Committee, the country's chief policy-making body.

The party's decision to expel the union leaders followed con-tinuous union opposition to a new system of local government introduced last year. The system requires both voters and candidates in local government elections to be party members, and is the main plank in the party's attempts to consolidate the nation's policies under its control. The unions have argued that

the new local government system created a costly new bureaucracy when scarce funds would be better spent on creating jobs and improving social The Government believes that

the trades unions' activities have begun taking on political overtonnes.

#### Government in Uganda disowns food price order From Our Correspondent

Nairobi, Jan 27 An order to market vendors and small traders in Kampala

to reduce the prices of their to reduce the prices of their goods drastically — which had resulted in a serious shortage of food — was disowned today by the Ugandan government.

Radio Uganda quoted Mr Sam Mugwisha, the Agriculture Minister, as saying that the order to cut prices had not been order to cut prices had not been made by the Government, but by the local branch of the rul-ing Uganda People's Congress (UPC) without his ministry's backing. Traders should ignore that

original order from the Kam-pala market authorities and should charge "fair prices".

Kampala residents, despet-ately searching for food, found little available at any price to day. The normally busy market was still almost deserted, and the vendors said they were con-fused by the abrupt change. But it appeared that food sup-plies would soon be resumed. at prices close to those being charged last week.

Choos was caused at the weekend when the market authorities and the UPC ordered a sharp reduction in the prices of key commodities.

# Sanity regained after professor's 28-year fight

From Charles Hargrove Paris, Jan 27

The French, who are willingly inclined to paradox, often think that the people who are same are shut up in lunatic asylums, and those who are mad are most frequently to be

met outside them.

The case of M Marc Blanc-Lapierre, aged 56, who was wrongly interned for 11 years, from 1952 to 1953, would seem to prove the point. M Blanc-Lapierre was suffi-

ciently sale to pass several university examinations during his period of internment. He had written several books of proven scientific worth-he is a professor of mathematics-and even set up a "psychiatric university" in the Marchant hospital in Toulouse where he was detained.

hospital, were extreme popular, and well attended. extremely It has taken seven years of

litigation for M Blanc Lapierre to obtain reparation from the courts. The civil chamber of the Higher Court of Toulouse yesterday 'acknowledged that he had been wrongfully interned and awarded him damages of 170,000 francs (£15,500) against the state. The court, in its verdict,

found rather curiously that "beyond one year, the compul-socy internment of M Blanc-Lupierre was no longer justified", and that after it should have become voluntary. According to the victim, his

misadventures began in 1952 when he was jostled in a crowd He gave lectures in science waiting for the arrival of the Michel prison,

and mathematics which, according to the medical staff of the Toulouse and lost conscious-

He also lost his identity papers in the process, and was taken to hospital, where no attempt was made to obtain his social security registration number. About the same time, the police were on the look out for a certain Max Blanc, who had escaped from a Toulouse psychiatric hospital.

M Blanc-Lapierre was mis-raken for him and interned, in splite of his protests. He was discharged in 1963, and started legal proceedings against the thief physician of the establishment. The latter had received death threats by post and in turn sued M Blanc-Lapierre who this time was put under lock and key in the Saint

Two experts appointed by the court to examine him concluded that he was "a dangerous paranciac, unliable to a penal sanction", and that he should be interned in a psychiatric establishment. M Blanc-Lapierre's own law-

yers demanded a counterinvestigation by three Paris experts. They agreed he was sane, and he was discharged. But he retaliated by suing for 100,000 francs damages the doctors who had described him as a "dangerous paranoiac". The case was heard in March

of last year. It was dismissed. The two experts were awarded a symbolic one franc damages.
M. Blanc-Lapierre sued the Blanc-Lapierre sued the penal administration; and it was this case which at long last, he won yesterday.

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## Mr Reagan promises 'swift retribution' for future terrorists

Washington, Jan 27

President Reagan welcomed the hostages back to America today, just a week after they left Iran and he himself took office. Standing before a large crowd at the White House, he gave a warning that any other kidnapping of American diplo-mats would meet with swift

"Let terrorists be aware", he said, "that, when the rules of international behaviour are violated, our policy will be one of swift and effective retribution. We hear it said that we live in an era of limits to our power. Well, let it also be understood there are limits to our patience."

The hostages arrived at the White House at 2.30 pm after a 90-minute drive from Andrews Air Force base. There were a quarter of a million people lining the streets, cheering the convoy of buses and their police

and military escorts. There were yellow ribbons everywhere, in reference to the song "I'll hang a vellow ribbon on the old oak tree" which marks the return of a prisoner. Ever since the very first days after the hostages were cap-tured in November 1979, ribbons have been draped round trees in various parts of the

Country.
Today the ribbons were everywhere. The Treasury building, a severe grey granite edifice, had ribbons on alternating columns of its long colore inspection. portico. On closer inspection. they turned out to be paper cut outs, in the shape of bows, but they made a jolly and slightly

bizarre sight. There were endless signs of welcome. Mr Bruce Laingeu, the senior diplomat among the hostages, remarked on one in particular: "IRS welcomes you

particular: "IRS welcomes you back". IRS is the Internal Revenue Service. There were about 7,000 people in the back garden of the White House, to cheer the hostages and to hear the Presiin negotiating the hostages' release, with the Algerian in pride of place, but also with the Eritish, West German and Swiss

ambassadors. The 52 hostages who returned a week ago were joined this afternoon by Mr Richard Queen, the hostage who developed multiple sclerosis in captivity and was released last year. Their families were there, and so were the families of the eight soldiers who died in the unsuccessful rescue attempt last April.

Mr Reagan told them: "You are home and, believe me, you are welcome. You've come home to a people who, for 444 days, suffered the pain of your imprisonment, prayed for your safety, and, most importantly, shared your determination that the spirit of free men and

After the official welcome on the White House lawn, there was a reception in the East Room, Mr Reagan presented cach of the hostages with an

American flag in a case. There were to be fireworks this evening and the former hostages and their families will celebrate the occasion again, before returning home for rest and recuperation. Mr Reagan disclosed yesterday that about a dozen of them still suffer from psychological problems as

a result of their captivity. Two of the President's most senior staff, Mr Ed Meese, Counsellor, and Mr James Baker Chief of Staff, said today that the agreements with Iran are still being examined but would probably be honoured in full. Iranian companies have already started placing orders with American firms, who are consulting the Treasury as to whether thesy should reply.

Those companies that did business with Iran before the revolution have claims, some of them very large, against Iran that are to be examined by the

### III-treatment stories are played down by hostages

West Point, Jan 27

Forty-one of the 52 former American hostages, in their first formal public appearance since their release from Iran last week, seemed anxious to play down reports of ill-treat-ment at the hands of their Captors,

At today's press conference at West Point, the military academy, where they have been relaxing with their families since returning from Germany on Sunday, they would not go into details about what they had been through.

This may have been by in-This may have been by in-struction from the State Depart-ment. The press conference-was voluntary for the former hostages and it was surprising that so many of them agreed to submit themselves to re-porters who have been hound-ing them since their release. As it turned out, they provided less detailed information about their captivity than they have done during casual meetings reporters here and in Germany.

Germany.

One of the Marines, Sergeant Johnny McKeel, gave the pithiest answer when asked about reports that some of the returned hostages are suffering from mental difficulties.

"All the people Fire talked to are all right," he said. "As soon as we get home and get back to chasing women it will be all right."

be all right."

Colonel Thomas Schaefer, the air attaché at the embassy,

explained the temporary diffi-culty in adjusting to freedom.
"During captivity the greatest problem was what to have with the rice," he said.
"Then 48 hours larer we are in Germany and President Carter is embracing us with tears in is embracing us with tears in his eyes. It takes time to adjust,

Miss Elizabeth Swift, one of the two women held, warned the press against misreporting allegations of ill-treatment. She complained that she had been hostages and to hear the Presi- claims commission set up as complained that she had been dent. There was a line of part of the agreement on the misquoted on the subject in ambasadors representing those release of the hostages.



Sergeant William Gallegos of the Marines said: "The captors were good to us by their own standards... but we were not being treated well."

None of the former hostages would be drawn into criticism. he said. of the Carter Administration's. Mr Ju would be drawn into criticism. he said.

Trainans would be drawn into criticism. he said.

Mr John Graves, public they had written so they would actions before their capture or affairs officer at the embassy, write it out again until some during it. The closest to a said that the press had not of them knew it by heart.

Critical comment came from Mr reported properly the real aim About 500 reporters attended.

Bruce Laingen, the charge of the young people who the press conference in Eisendaffairs at the Embassy. Dissourced the embassy. They cussing the aborted rescue mission last April, he said he took "2 very strong view about anything that coold have endangered our lives" Mr Victor Tomseth, senior

political officer, answered the criticism that the United States. Government had set a prece-

dent by negotiating with terrorists. "If you look be-youd the rhetoric in previous-

terrorist incidents, there is a precedent for negotiation except when it ended in death.", were, he said, genuine students and at the beginning their call for the return of the Shah to Iran was a pretext cloaking their true intentions.

Details of how the captives passed the time were given by. Mr William Keough head of the American school in Pakis-

tan, who was visiting the em-bassy when it was taken. Dur-ing the 14 months and a half-they had read a lot and written notes about their experiences.

During periodic inspection the
Iranians would take away what

speech expressing gratitude for the welcome they had received on behalf of "this embassy in exile which goes out of busi-

### Tehran uses In brief film to repudiate US claims

dranian officials tonight con firmed they were sending filmed interviews with each of the 52. American hostages abroad for the world to judge allegations of maltreatment.

already been used on Eurovision last Saturday.

Mr Apin said that, in the
interviews with one of their
student captors, sonde of the
hostages "might" complain of
psychological torque concerning the length of their confinement. But, in general, must is
contrary to what Carter and the
others have said." he added.

At the press conference Mr
Behzed Nabayi, Minister of
State and a government spokesman, forther countered internal
citicism of the deal that freed
the hostages, amid, growing
signs that the Government
would be able to ride the storm
of pretest over the accord.

Mr Nabayi questioned the
policy of the two leading
moderate papers in running
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moderate papers in running daily leading articles roademn-ing the deal, saying it only provided automation for the BBC and foreign papers to use against Tran. a la the foreign press the solution is referred to as if the United States has paid gansom.

but in Iran they say the opposite", he said As he spoke, it was apparent that the campaign against the deal is the two newspapers, Mison and Islamic Revolution, was Beginning to Jose steam. Iran was willing to reopen dip-lomatic relations with Canada, provided it undertook not to engage in spying or assisting spying activities. Included in the larren he said, was the help the Canadians gave to six American diplomats to flee from Iran during the crisis.

Falklands move draws protest

Argentina has expressed deep concern ar reports that the Falkland: Islands is sacking the Falkland Islands is seeking to encourage people to move from St. Helena to settle in the Islands to help IIII job vacancies (our Diplomatic Correspondent writes). Mr Anthony Williams, the British Ambassador in Buenos Aires, has been told that such a move would prejudice possible future negariations between the two negotiations between the two negotiations between the two
countries, according to the
Argentine Foreign Ministry.
The Foreign Office said yes,
serday that immigration is a
matter for the Falklands Islands Government, not Britain.

Indian cosmonaut Deihi, Jan 27.—The Soviet
Union could put an Indian cosmonaut into space as early as
1982 if a decision on selecting
the spacemen is taken now,
Lieutenam-General Georgi Beregovoy, head of the Soviet cosmonaut training centre, said.

Hope fades

Bodo, Norway, Jan 27.—Rescue officials hold out little hope che officiali hold out little hope for the four missing crew from a: Greek cargo, ship, Deifovos, that sank off Norway's north ceast, a spokesman said. Five bodies have been recovered and 29 crew have been rescued.

Less sparkle

Eperiay, Jan 27:—Sales of champagne dropped by more than 4 per cent in 176,466,231 bottles last year because of a poor wine harvest in 1978 and 1980, the Champagne Wine Producers Association said.

Bets closed

Rome, Jan 27:—The public prosecutor today issued 50 arrest warrant, 22 of them for creopiers, and ordered the closure of the casino at San Remo on the Italian Riviera.

Guerrilla demand

Bogota, Jan 27. Guerrillas holding Mr Chester Bitterman, the American linguist, de-manded publication of a statement in American European and Latin American newspapers

## Haigspeak rewrites the grammar

From William Safire New York, Jan 27

A new linguistic form called A new anguistic form called Haigravation is rearing its head in Washington, It is the tendency of the new Secretary of State to change the state of parts of speech—from noun to adverb, from noun to verb.

The new top man at Foggy Bottom, former General Alex-ander Haig, studded his resti-mony at confirmation hearings with locutions such as "I'll have to caveat my response, senator, and I'll caveat that." like Julius Caesar, is the thirdperson singular present sub-junctive of the Latin cavere, to beware. Standing by itself, cavest in Latin means "let him beware". In English, the word is a noun synonymous with warning. It is also part of the

Latin phrase caveat emptor, let the buyer beware, Until now, caveat has been a noun; in Haigravation, it has become a verb "Pil caveat that " means, presumably, "I'll say that with this warning".
(I'll caveat the reader that this locution will soon be followed in literary circles with "I'll asterisk that".)

Not to be outdone, Senator John Glenn asked the witness: John Glenn asked the witness:
"Will you burden-share?"
This Is a heavy new verb
formed from burden-sharing,
diplomatic jargon for "my taxpayers won't kick in any more
until yours do."
But Mr Glenn is not in Mr
Haig's verbifying league. "Not
in the way you contexted it.

in the way you contexted it, Senator ", was a four-star reply about immorality in high places. To context something in this lingo, is to place it in context. Mr Haig has a history of this sort of thing. In hearings last year, the former general said something like: There are nuance-al differences between Henry Kissinger and me on The exact quotation cannot be found because " nuance al," or " nuansle," was expunged from the written record of the hearing by some unknown hand

## FBI clears the way for new Labour Secretary

Washington, Jan 27

To the great relief of President Reagan, the Federal Bureau of Investigation has uncovered no evidence of illegal or unethical behaviour by Mr. Raymond Donovan, his choice for Secretary of Labour.

At a confirmation bearing the Senate labour and human resources committee today, Mr Francis Mullen, Assistant Lirector of the FBI, said that he and his colleagues conducted a "thorough exhaustive" investigation allegations of contacts between DODGASD organized crime figures, as well as claims that his building firm had been involved in underhand to trade union payments

In its determination to leave no stone unturned, some 120 people had been interviewed in "the most extensive" inquiry into the background of any Cabinet nominee, Mr Mullen said. The investigation bad failed to develop any informa-tion to substantiate several illegations made against the Labour Secretary-designate or the Schiavonne Construction Company of New Jersey, he

The FBI's failure to come up with any incriminating evidence against Mr Donovan should lead to the swift approval of his nomination by the Senate committee and then by the full bis nomination by the Senate approved formally. In addition, committee and then by the full there are still many vacancies among the several hundred senior government posts reability for the post of Labour served for political appointees.

the other Senate investigations into Mr Reagan's Cabinet nominees a couple of weeks before the new President's inauguration last Tuesday.

The hope then was that all the secretaries designate would be confirmed by Wednesday or Thursday of last week. But when the allegations of imwhen the allegations of impropriety against Mr Donovan were raised a couple of weeks ago, Senator Ortin Hatch of Utah, chairman of the labour committee, postoned the hearings until after the FBI had checked fully.

Not only have allegations against Mr Donovan been a source of some em-barrassment to Mr Reagan, bur the delay in his confirmation has also highlighted the fact that the replacement of senior officials in the various government departments is proceed-ing much more slowly than the new administration had originally hoped.

Soon after his election last November Mr Reagan promised that his new Administration would "his the ground running" the moment he assumed power formally on January 20. But although the confirmation of most members of his Cabinet was concluded by the Senate last week, many more junior ministers are still wait

Abscam defendant guilty From Our Own Correspondent

Washington, Jan 27 Mr Richard Kelly ,the most colourful of those accused of political corruption during the so-called Abscam investigation, has become the sixth member or former member of Congress to be found guilty of the charges against him.

After six hours of deliberations here, a federal jury
decided that videotape recordings showing Mr Kelly stuffing

wealthy "Arabs" were, in fact,
disguised agents of the Federal
Bureau of Investigation.
Throughout the trial, Mr
Kelly protested his innocenceand "differences of nuance" put in.—New York Times News Service.

\$25,000 (£10,400) in cash into his pockets were suffi-ciently good evidence to convict

ciently good evidence to convict him.

The recordings suggested that Mr Kelly had accepted the money in return for promising to do what he could to help two fictitious Arab shaiklis to immigrate to the United States. The wealthy "Arabs" were, in fact, disguised agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

Throughout the trial, Mr

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## Cuba alerted in case US invades

Only hours after Mr Reagan took the oath of office, President Fidel Castro presided over a ceremony in which men and women of the island's new People's Militia swore to defend the regulations of Cuba's 30 years of struggle against the revolution to the death.

The volunteer militia units, with regular Army instructors, are being organized and trained throughout Cuba. Senor Raul Castro, the Minister of Armed Forces and the President's brother, said recently : " We can expect an increase in hostility against our country."

President 'Castro' said last month: "Nobody knows exactly what Reagan proposes to do. We have to base ourselves on the Republican platform, the public statements of the candidate, and the thinking reflected by the advisers of the new President."
This thinking was extremely reactionary and dangerous, he

To meet the alleged threat,

Havana, Jan 27.—Cuba is the regular Army, battle-preparing its people militarily hardened in African campaigns and psychologically for an assault on its 22-year-old revolution by the Reagan Administration.

Only hours after Mr Reagan Cubas.

years of struggle against Spanish rule in the nineteenth century, and the guerrilla war he led himself against the gov-ernment of President Batista in the 1950s.

Dr Castro has called for a patriotic war against invaders in which men, women and children would fight without quarter and use any weapon available, even machetes.

Most Western diplomats in Havana believe that Dr Castro is using the occasion to create a climate of immediate danger to unite the people behind the Government. Cuba's communist leaders say that it is their "historic - responsibility " to prepare the people for any con-

for revolutionary movements.

Dr Castro has recently said: throughout the world.—Reuter.

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"If they dare to invade our country, more Yankees will die here than died in the Second World War."

He recalled what he said were earlier United States efforts to destroy the revolution. He predicted that under Mr Reagan, the Central Intelligence Agency would be given a free hand, and appealed to the new president to prohibit the CIA from drawing up plans to assassinate foreign leaders. "Cuba's military doctrine, elaborated during years of intense work, is, in the first place,

defence against landings, by active resistance . . skilfully combined with energetic and apportune offensive action". Dr Castro went on.

"If an olive branch is offered, we will not reject it, but let nobody believe that Cuba will compromise on its principles. Cuba is and will con-tinue to be a friend of the Soviet Union . . Cuba is and will continue to be inter-nationalist."

The term "internationalist" refers to Cuba's active support

## Japan lifts economic sanctions on S Korea

From Peter Hazeliurst Tokyo, Jan 27

Japanese economic sanctions against South Korea imposed after Mr. Kim Das Jung, the South Korean opposition leader, was sentenced to death last year, are to be lifted, Mr Zenko Suzuki, the Japanese Prime Minister, announced today. He told journalists in Tokyo

that his Government would " un freeze" Japanese loans to South Korea because Mr Kim's death sentence was commuted to life imprisonment.

The issue has been one of Japan's greatest concerns. It was a stumbling block in the way of bilateral cooperation. But the obstacle has been reat last and now we would like to talk with Seoul as soon as possible on the future of economic cooperation and the resumption of regular ministerial meetings between our two nations", Mr Suzuki said. Relations between Tokyo and Seoul began to deteriorate last year after Mr Suzuki warned South Korea that economic and diplomatic ties between the two nations would come under great strain if Mr Kim was great strain if Mr Kim was executed. As a consequence, lapan decided to freeze the equivalent of £38m in loans to South Korea last year. The loans, allocated within the framework of the Japanese budget last year, were extended. originally to help South Korea to build up medical and edu-

Japanese Government officials claim that President Chun Doo Hwan of South Korea decided to commute Mr kim's death. sentence to life imprisonment last week because of the adverse reaction in the United States and Japan.

One official said: "The authorities in Seoul are aware that President Reagan's Administration was disturbed by the decision to execute Mr Kim and they also know that Japan is South Korea's main trading

Mr Suzuki's decision to lift sanctions against South Korea is likely to stir up a controverse in the Japanese Parliament during the next few weeks.

Both Communist and Socialist

members of the House of Representatives pointed out today that the Japanese Government had a moral obligation to force the Seoul regime to the jailed opposition leader because he was kidnapoed from a Tokyo hotel in 1973 and taken out of Japan illegally by members of the Korean Central Intelligence

## Chinese academics in Hongkong dismiss Peking trial as a farce

For the first time Chinese University authorities in Hongkong are denouncing the trial and sentencing of "Gang of Four" as a farce and "a continuation of political ille-

"The trial was a You purge me and I purge you game, and this kind of political struggle will go on and on", said Mr Chang Kue-sin, head of the Communications Department of Hongkong Baptist College.

"I would not be surprised t

see cadres promoted by Mr. Deng Xiaoping, such as Zhao Ziyang, the Prime Minister, purged one day, They are in power now because of Deng's supporters. But if Deng dies tomorrow, we will have another

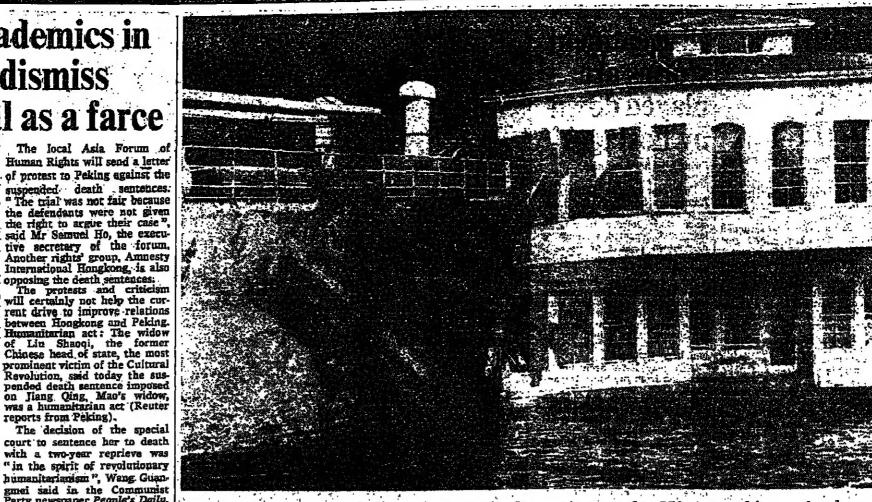
gang of four.
Dr Joseph Cheng, a Hong-kong Chinese University lecturer, predicted that the most important outcome of the trial would be its impact on the people of China. The reigning Chinese leadership will have to face the problem of coping with dissetisfaction and frustration among the military, who, are not happy with the way the trial has been conducted.", he

The local Asia Forum of Human Rights will send a letter of protest to Peking against the suspended death sentences:
"The trial was not fair because the defendants were not given the right to argue their case", said Mr Samuel Ho, the executive secretary of the forum. Another rights' group, Amnesty International Hongkong, is also opposing the death sentences.

The protests and criticism will certainly not help the cur-rent drive to improve relations between Hongkong and Peking. Humanitarian act: The widow of Liu Shaoqi, the former Chinese head of state, the most

pended death sentence imposed on Jiang Qing, Mao's widow, was a humanitarian act (Reuter reports from Peking). The decision of the special court to sentence her to death with a two-year reprieve was "in the spirit of revolutionary humanitarianism", Wang Guan-gmei said in the Communist Party newspaper People's Daily. Her "life or death matters little to the general situation of China

and has no bearing on our



After surviving beside one of the world's busiest waterways for 250 years, this wooden house on the Bosporus was hit yesterday by a Greek ship. Nobedy was injured.

## Pakistani initiative undermined by attacks on the Soviet Union at Islamic conference

## UN pressed to drop scheme for mediation in Afghanistan

From Robert Fisk Taif, Saudi Arabia, Jan 27 Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, is under pressure in Saudia Arabia and other conservative Arab states to turn down Pakistan's request for a special United Nations representative to Nations representative to mediate in the Afghanistan

crisis.
Although he has made no final decision. Dr Waldheim now believes that delegates to the third Islamic Conference, which entered its third day here today, will produce so pro-found a condemnation of the Soviet intervention in Alghanistan that the appointment of a United Nations mediator could

prove worthless.

President Zia ul-Haq of Pakistan yesterday told delegates that he had received intimations of flexibility from Moscow and Kabhi and that this would be a favourable opportunity for Dr. Waldheim opportunity for Dr Waldheim to send a United Nations official to Kabul to start consultations for a peaceful solution to the

Zia gave the Soviet Union advance warning of his proposal is unclear, but the Gulf states did not react very happily to his suggestion All day yesterday four representatives of the Alghan rebel bands fighting the Soviet Army vainly sought an interview with Dr Waldheim to express their abborrence that a United Nations representative might negotiate with the Afghan Government and the Russians. The man Dr Waldheim might

have appointed to the post is Señor Javier Pérez de Cuellar, the former United Nations Special Representative in Cyprus. Quite by chance—or that, at least, is what the United Nations claims—Señor Pérez de Nations claims—senor Perez de Cuellar was in Taif with Dr Waldhelm today. In fact, he seems to have been waiting for the outcome of the summit to see if he might be travelling to Kabul, Tehran and Islama-

Within the next 24 hours, the Afghan delegation, which holds observer status at the con-ference, is scheduled to deliver an address condemning any political negotiation with the Afghan or Soviet authorities, One of their nominal spokesmen —nominal only because leader-ship in the Afghan insurgent movements is a tenuous, slip-pery affair—said today that the only solution in Afghanistan was a military one.

But there are few signs that the Afghan representatives are being taken very seriously here. One of their number, Professor Abdul Rasoul Sayef, stood today in the conference palace, a lonely figure dressed in pantaloous and a tall, blue turban, trying to look at ease in the marble corridors but largely ignored by his fellow-

"We will drive the Russians out," he said. "We want no negotiations. Anyone who goes to Kabul to talk to the Kermal Government will be talking to a servant of Russia. It would be a betrayal. There is only one solution—to drive the Russians out with guns."

This, however, is not quite the level of political sophisti-cation that the Saudis would like to see in their Afghan brothers. Almost all the Arab.

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states represented understand the seriousness of the Afghan crisis and accept that some political formula will have to be found if the Soviet Union is to be induced to with-

draw.
This has given rise already to rumours that the special Afghan committee, made up of four of the Islamic nations. represented at the summir, proposed to send Mr Yassir Arafat, chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organization, to Moscow to open negotiations directly with the Russians. As for Mr Arafat, be was far preoccupied ... today ... with

this morning's conference session, where leaders of the 37 Islamic nations began their deliberations on the methods which should be used to free Jerusalem from Israeli control.

King Hassan of Morocco
called for a jihad (holy war)
against Israel, although he also
took care to define this notion as a moral and material struggle rather than a military conflict. The King leads the Arab committee which tries this year.

strategy of economic and diplo-matic initiatives to be taken against Israel.
The Aighans fear

Islamic support for the Palestinians cannus for more than Afghanistan. If their fears are justified—if the Saudis eventually relent and urge some political mediation through the United Nations—then the sum-mir at Taif will mark the occasion on which the Afghan insurgents were formally, sold

out.
\$1,000m offer: During yesterday's session, Prince Fahd of
Saudi Arabia, proposed a
\$3,000m (£1,250m) fund to finance development projects in Islamic countries (Repter re-

He told the conference that audi Arabia would contribute \$1,000m to the fund, with the rest to be provided by other rich conference countries. Saudi Arabia, he added, was also pre-pared to increase the capital of the Islamic Development Bank. The bank has allocated \$777m in aid and interest-free loans

to the Islamic conference coun-

claims pilot smuggled arms

Salvador junta

San Salvador, Jan 27.—A pilot alleged to have been smuggling arms into El Salvador for guerrillas fighting the Government was paraded before journalists by the authori-

Señor Julio Romero Talavera said to be a Nicoraguan, had an arm wound, which the Salvador Army said he had received while trying to escape after his Costa Rica-registered twinengine aircraft made a forced landing on Sunday about 70 miles south of here.

The authorities said the aircraft had been parachuting arms to the guerrillas. Meanwhile, the left-wing Farabundo Marri Liberation Front said fighting was continuing with Government forces in the north-east of the country. The front said it controlled 12

miles of the road between Cujuaitique and Ocicala. The front also accused gov-ernment troops of carrying out homicidal operations." the civilian inhabitants of Sen-suntepeque and Villa Victoria in central El Salvador.-Agence France Presse.

## Cannon find may start Californian gold rush

From Ivor Davis

Los Angeles, Jan 27 The discovery of five rustencrusted ancient ship cannons on a Santa Barbara beach could inspire a hunt for Spanish gold off the coast of southern Cali-fornia, according to Professor Frank Frost who teaches sea-faring history at the University of California.

Professor Frost said that the five guns, which were washed ashore during the recent heavy seas, could have come from a wrecked ship sunk in Santa wrecked salp sunk in Santa
Barbara channel. The ship
could have been one of the
British or Dutch pirate vessels
which once preyed on Spanish
galleons off Californian waters.
Publicity about the find could
lure hundreds of treasure
seekers to the area, Professor

The cannons were discovered over the weekend by a beach stroller who at first thought the guns were rusted sewer pipes.
Professor Frost believes the annous were made during the eighteenth century. He said; "Until the 1800s the British used to hang off this coast waiting for the Manila galleon which every year or almost every year, the Spanish in the Philippines would send with all the treasure they had col-lected."

The treasure—thousands of

lected."
The treasure— thousands of pounds of gold and silver—was put on a mule team to Mexico City. Then it was taken to Vera Cruz and put on a treasure fleet bound for Spain.

It took a dozen people to carry each of the five cannons, three and a-half feet long and weighing up to 700lb. apiece, to a lorry which transported them to the University of California.

Searchers also found swivel mounts and what are believed to be musket barrels. It is hoped to clean the guns and put them on public display.

#### Hospital victim awarded £1.2m

New York, Jan 27.—A man of 27. who was blinded soon after birth by a medical experi-ment performed on him without his parents' consent will receive \$2.9m (£1.2m) damages

for malpractice.
The lawyer for Mr. Daniel Burton, who remained in an incubator for 28 days after he was-born prematurely at New York hospital in 1953, said his client had been used as "a human guinea pig:" periment consisted in ministering huge doses ozvgen to premature babies.-

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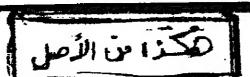
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when he gave a television course to Schering executives. Their Lordships dismissed in appeal by Mr Elstein and Thames Tele-videa against an order of Mr Justice McNeill granning the In-

Justice McNeill granting the injunction last August.

Mr Oliver Popplewell, QC, and Mr Christopher Summer for Me Estein and Thames; Mr Roy Beldam, QC, Mr Gavin Lightman, QC, and Mr John Powles for Schering.

The MASTER OF THE ROLLS and that Thames had made "The primodos Affair" at much expense. It was about a matter of great public interest—the use of the drug Primodos. Scherings, its makers, wanted to stop the showing of the film on the ground that it would be a contempt of court or a breach of confidence.

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Should the film be stopped or unique not? Or would the stopping of the film in the freedom of the press (including the freedom of the press (including the first television)? It was an important question on which the law was not yet settled.

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It often happened that, when a woman missed her period, she was arcious to know if she was preamant or nor. If she did not want a baby, she rook something which, she hoped, would bring on her period. In 1958 the word went round that Primodos was available for that purpose.

For nearly 10 years it was considered safe. But in 1967 a considered safe. But in 1967 a result of warnings issued by the Committee on the Safety of Medicines. Scherings withdrew the drug in January, 1978.

The drug was the subject of the greatest public interest. The newspapers and television gave it full coverage. The Sunday Times was particularly active.

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Many parents of deformed children read the newspaper articles and jumped to conclusions. One mother after another came forward, claiming compensation, and actions were started.

came forward, claiming compensation, and actions were started against Scherings. In October, 1979, two of the actions were ordered to be set down for trial. The trial had been set down for October, 1981, and was estimated to last for six months.

The publicity was adverse to Scherings but they took no steps to stop it. However, they tried to mitigate its effect. They decided to get their own executives trained in the techniques of television, so that they could put their point of view to the public. They approached a firm, Executive Television Training (ETT), which specialized in training company executives, it was really Falkman to the public of the secutives in training to the secutive of the secutives it was really Falkman Scherings handed to Mr Falk a great deal of information relating

great deal of information relating to Primodos. He studied it and made his own inquiries about it. His proposals for training Schering

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His proposals for training Schering concurives were accepted by Scherings. The fee payable was 110,750 plus VAT.

The proposals contained the provision: "Falkman Ltd alias ETT] wish to stress that this information, some of which is public and some of which is public and some of which is public and some of which is private, remains strictly confidential to ETT. We also guarantee that it will never be used in the future by my broadcasting associates of ETT.

Falkman engaged several professional broadcasters to train Schering executives. Mr Elstein was one, the got to know so much about the drug that an idea occurred to him to make a documentary film on the subject and call it "The Primodos Affair". He prepared a synopsis in May. 1979, in which he outlined the contents of the film. He put it up.

1979. In which he outlined the contents of the film. He put it up to Thames and suggested that they might make such a film and show it. Thames were receptive to the idea.

The idea was put to Scherings on July 4, 1979. At a meeting in August Scherings did not turn down the idea but were nervous that such a programme might be in contempt of court.

A great mass of material was assembled by a researcher for Mr Elstein: research papers, periodicals, television programmes, etc.

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The matter was left over until schering compensation against schering Chemicals Ltd, the drug manufacturers, are due to start in October.

The majority of the court, Lord Justice Shaw and Lord Justice Shaw and Lord Justice Templeman, held that there had been breach of confidence by Mr. Justice Shaw and Lord Justice McNoill on August 22—not on the ground of contempt of court, but he film, in respect of confidence by the film, in respect of confidence in the film, in respect of confidence. There was now an appeal to their Lordships.

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Their Lordships, and seen the film. It was a balanced and fair presentation, to which no reasonable objection could be made. It contained nothing whatever to prejudge the pending cases. Care would be taken to select for the trial a judge who had not seen the film. But even if he had, his judgment could not be influenced by it.

His Lordship could find no single piece of considernial information which was—or might have been—gleaned by Mr Elstein from the course. The only three fields been—gleaned by Mr Elstein from
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the course was
the idea, the theme, the story
of the Primodos affair. Just as
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Cliennicles, and Tennyson used
Malory's Moric d'Arthur, so David
Histein used the information in
the course. In each case the pretrous work was the launching-pad
from which the new work took
on But no one would dispute the
originality of the new work.
Scherings said that Mr Elsrein
was under a duty of confidence
towards them. His Lordship
agreed.
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in considering whether Mr Elsiein was in breach of his duty, it was important to remember that the application was an interthat the application was an inter-locutory one in which it was not possible to know the full facts. Suffice it to say that there was no evidence, or no sufficient evi-dence, to show that Mr Elstein knew anything about the terms on which Falkman were angaged by Scherings, except that the course was confidential and that he would be expected to respect that confi-dence. Not that Thames knew any more, either.

More, either.

Neither Elstein nor Thames were at liberty to use any private information without the consent of Scherings; or to use any public information unless they did the research and collected it themselves, But they were at liberty to use public information by collecting it themselves, as they said they did. And they were at liberty to use any idea which come into their heads by reason of the course. Ideas were not the subject of confidence.

How far was it proper for the

liow far was it proper for the court to grant an injunction to restrain publication by the press and television? Such an injunction foll into a special category because it encroached upon one of our most fundamental freedoms, the freedom of the press. The freedom of the press did not mean that the press was free to ruin a reputation, or break a confidence or politic the course of justice, or do anything that was unlawful. It meant that there was to be no censorable. No restraint should be placed on the press as to what they should publish: not to what they should publish: not by a licensing system, nor by executive direction, nor by court injunction. It meant that the press was to be free from what Blackstone called "previous restraint", and the Americans called "prior restraint". The press was not to be restrained in advance from publishing what it thought right to publish. It could "publish and be damned".

in exceptional cases, where the intended publication was plainly unlawful and would inflict grave injury on innocent people or seriously impede the course of justice, the court might issue a prior restraint. It might grant an

interim injunction.

The same principle was contained in the European Convention on Haman Rights. Here, the court was concerned with a question of policy. What should be the policy of the law in restraining publication? On such a question, our law should conform as far as possible with the provisions of the Convention. The European Court of Haman Rights said in The Sunday Times case that the exceptions "must be narrowly interpreted".

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As there was no risk that the course of justice in the pending actions would be impeded or prejudiced, there was no contempt of court, certainly not so clear a contempt as to warrant an injunction.

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But there were other cases when the right of the press to inform the public took priority over the right of privacy. In such a case no such injunction should be granted against the press and tele-vision restraining publication of information even if it originated in confidence.

Prior restraint was such a drastic interference with the freedom of the press that it should only be ordered when there was a substantial risk of grave

injustice.

His Lordship stood as ever for the freedom of the press, including television, except where it was abused. It was abused in the Granada case, but not here. Even if there were abuse in this case, it was not such as to warrant the injunction of a prior restraint. The judge ought to have refused the injunction and, accordingly, the appeal should be allowed.

LORD JUSTICE SHAW said that Mr Elstein was an important member of the training panel; as a Thames employee he knew the ropes as regards television and broadcasting. He was just the sort of person who would, in a given situation, be uble to advise how best to party or deflect adverse publicity on those media.

No wonder then that Scheringa agreed to pay very nearly £11,000 for the course with Falkman Ltd; and small wonder that Mr Elstein, who in the present regard acred as a freelance, was paid a fee of £200 for each day that he attended the course. LORD JUSTICE SHAW said that

Mr Elstein was not directly employed by Scherings. The implied obligation to maintain confidentiality as to matters which he learned as interviewer on the course would not arise from any contract between blm and Scherings.

within a month or so of the last training session Mr Elstein submitted his proposal to Thames for the documentary "based largely on my memory of the courses". It was remarkable that he should have thought fit to make any such suggestion to any outside party, let alone a powerful purveyor of publicity, without Scherings's permission.

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When he condescended to tell Scherings of his idea, he wrote on July 4, 1979, that "the treatment rests heavily on privileged information and . . . the only basis on which we could make the film as proposed would be if Scherings were to cooperate fully and so render much of that information "unprivileged"."

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It was clear that Mr Elstein was using the word privileged as meaning, "not to be revealed to apyone else without Scherings's consent". In other words, he was recognizing that what he had learned from his participation in the course was confidential to him, and was not to be passed an without their assent.

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That assent was not forthcoming, Mr Elstoin had, however, got the bit between his teeth. He was not to be stopped. A protest from Scherings about the utilization of information supplied in confidence evoked a response by letter of November 9, 1979, which contained the passage: "Such a programme would be worth making. Certainly, we intend to make the effort and I will keep you... the effort and I will keep you informed as to our progress, whether or not you eventually decide to participate." That apparently represented the limit of Mr Elstein's condescension to any canon of loyalty or standard of Mr Eistein's condescension to any canon of loyalty or standard of good taith and simple integrity. On November 29, 1979, solicitors acting for Scherings wrote to Mr Eistein stating that they had advised their Clients that "it would be a flagrant breach of confidence by [him] if [he] were to use for the purpose of [his] programme information given to [him] in the course of [Falkman's] service". The letter stated that if the proposed programme was not abandoned. Scherings would seek an injunction. A similar letter was sent to Thames on December 20.

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the programme would contain no material not freely available from other sources. It followed, so they contended, that no breach of con-fidence could arise from puriting idence could arise from puring out the programme on television. They offered in due course to provide a view of the timished programme. Scherings's response through addictors on February B, 1980, was to reserve their position until the finished programme had been seen and to resterate their instention to seek the court's orointention to seek the court's pro-tection. They could hardly have stated their attitude more plainly or promptly,

The communication in a commercial context of information which at the time was regarded by the giver and recognized by the recipient as confidential and the nature of which had a material compensor gret and recognized by the recipient as considential and the nature of which had a material compensor with the commercial interests of the party confiding that information, imposed on the recipient a fiduciary obligation to maintain that confidence thereafter unless the giver consented to relax it.

The obligation of confidentiality might in some circumstances be overborne. If the subject-matter was something which was infimical to the public miterest or directened individual safety, a person in possession of knowledge of that subject-matter could not be obliged to conceal it although he acquired that knowledge in confidence. In some situations it might be his duty to reveal what he knew. No such consideration existed in the present case since the time that Primodos was withdrawn from the market. The law of England was indeed, as Blackstone declared, a law of liberty; but the freedoms it recognized did not include a licence for the mercenary betrayal of business confidences.

It was said that the information upon which the programme was based could have been derived from sources available to the public before the course with FIT. It was asserted also that Mr Elstein, with the assistane, of a colleague, had explored and collated all those sources the relevant facts and opinions were all to be found in what had been desibed as "the public domain" or the "public sector". It was consended that no principle of confidenciality could apply to matters which had become notorious.

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It was an argument which at best was cynical; some might regard it as specious. Even in the commercial field, ethics and good faith were not to be regarded as merely opportunist or expedient. In any case, though facts might be widely known, they were not ever present in the minds of the public. To extend the knowledge or revive the recollection of matters which might be detrimental or prejudicial to the interests of some person or organization was not to be condoned because the facts were already known to some and lingered in the memories of others.

It was not the law that where confidentiality existed, it was terminated or eroded by adventitious publicity. Nor was the

terminated or eroded by adventitious publicity. Nor was the correlative duty to preserve that confidentiality. The public interest might demand that the duty be gainsaid; but it could not be arbitrarfly cast aside. An order of a court of law might relieve the confident of the burdan of secrecy and might, after due inquiry, require him to reveal the subject-matter of the confidence; but it was not to be sloughed at will for self-interest.

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whether Scherings's remedy girl catted Airce, with a violent should sound only in damages. father "like a disappointed the present case was a case in thunderstorm", who suddenly which the injury to their in-terests might well be irreparable. They were a substantial organiza-tion pursuing a legidinate and important enterprise as manufacimportant enterprise as manufacturing pharmacists. They were
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crusades. The judge had been
right to grant as injunction
against the breach of confidence.
The appeal should be dismissed.
Lord Justice Templeman delivered a judgment for dismissing
the appeal.

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The appeal was dismissed.

Scherings's cross-appeal against
the judge's refusal to grant an
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"The only things that publication have disappeared children so fast". As a result, are true in this story", from circulation.

reads a short preface to The mildly mystical and at times of full moon arrly novel by Barbara approach to her subject, with spent entire nights out of an early novel by Barbara Comyns, "are the wedding and Comyns, "are the wedning and Chapters 10, 11 and 12 and the Chapters 10, 11 and 12 and the poverty". The disclaimer is necessary. To an unusual ex-

tent, Barbara Comyns is a writer who mixes invention with reality, giving to each the same weight, and drawing generously and without coyness on her own life for character and occasion. When she dis-cusses her books it is to place them in her own past. Poverty and bleakness are things she knows about.

This week Virago are reissuing The Ver's Daughter, the story of a down-to-earth young girl called Alice, with a violent

Barbara Comyns dreamt the came to her as the story of the frail, sad mother; later, it reappeared clearly as that of the oppressed daughter. "I usually do dream my books a bit", she says. "If I concen-trate very hard on a story I can't get it out of my mind, even at night. While writing, I used to get up at five every morning to put it all down.

Started 35 years ago on her honeymoon in Snowdonia with her second husband. The Vet's Daughter was published in 1959 to wide critical acclaim. Since then it has been out of print. Barbara Comyns is one of those authors much praised for her style and particular, slightly quirky, stories, but they did not sell well and most of her eight novels which earned her fine reviews on

When Scott Fitzgerald described the rich

of social disadvantages on health will become even more apparent—and will continue to be felt well into the twenty-

first century.
Social class differences in health are

most obvious in obstetrics. During the 32 years of the NHS perinatal mortality (stillbirths and deaths in the first week of life) has steadily declined, but throughout that time the difference between social classes I and V has remained unchanged.

It is as true today as 30 or 50 years ago

that the chances of pregnancy ending in a dead baby are twice as high for a woman

married to a manual worker as for the wife of a doctor, lawyer, or university

The effects of poverty on childbearing

have a long, depressing history, recently reviewed by Sir Dugald Baird, the dis-

tinguished emericus professor of obstetrics

at Aberdeen University.
The period from 1850 to 1873 was the

golden age of Victorian prosperity. At that time Britain claimed 40 per cent of

the total world trade; yet her working population lived in degrading squalor, vividly described by social reformers but

ignored by successive governments. Britain compared badly with the rest of Europe. In Sir Dugald's words, "a higher proportion of children were born and reared in

poverty as well as in a cold, wet, and polluted urban atmosphere . . an

environment which was more dangerous to health than that of any other country." It was, indeed, the contrast between

social attitudes in Britain and the rest of

northern Europe between 1880 and 1910 that condemned our population to lag behind its neighbours in health for the

teacher.

approach to her subject, with its overtones of inescapable gloom, is expressed in final form in language so precise and economical—a way of writing acquired through much reading of Defoe—so pared down of all unnecessary words that it comments to the content of that it conveys a sensation of truth, "of realness almost exaggerated" as she accurately Because I ended the book

with a supposed newspaper cutting reporting the spectacle of Alice's levitation on Clapham Common, people thought it was true. The local papers produced articles ask-ing if any of their older resi-dents could remember the event."

For Barbara Comyus herself, Alice's ability to float could well have been real: "People have levitated. I think I could do it myself if I were more spiritual and if I really thought I could." As a child, she says, she believed she could walk on water but never quite reached the point of trying two feet at

Barbara Comyns is now 70, a diffident woman with a square unlined face which she tilts back to produce a sudden awkward laugh. Her childhood features prominently and ruthfully in her novels so that it would be quite possible to recreate her life with considerable accuracy if one knew

what to look for. One of six brothers and sisgovernesses in the Warwick-shire countryside. Her mother went deaf at 25 "perhaps because of having had so many

She was 17 when her parents died. Her father had left her enough money to keep herself at art school for a few years; when that ran out, she took a job helping in a commercial strist's studio, spending her evenings reading. By then she had started writing, and she found the influence of others distorted her own style. Did she stop reading so much? "Oh no, I can't stop reading."

She married very young, throwing her boxes of unfinished stories away as she left for her wedding. Her husband was an artist, a friend from days when they were both children playing on an Anglo-Saxon burial ground near her Warwickshire home. marriage did not last. By time war broke out she was keeping her two children by modelling, converting houses into small flats and let-

houses into small flats and letting them, running a garage
and buying and selling old
Delage and Lagonda cars, dealing in antique furniture and
poodle puppies. When war
brought an end to the demand
for highly bred dags and
sports cars, she took her
children to the country, borrowed a typewriter to fill the
lonely hours and wrote a book
about here childbood called Sisters by a River.

Barbara Comvns has been

Barbara Comyns has been writing ever since, first in Barcelona where she and her second husband lived for 18 years until inflation and the sinking pound forced them back to England, to the cortage

of her scenery designer son,

where the garden was full of hippoporamuses made of fibre glass. Four years ago they moved to a housing estate in Richmond, a sunny house with a whipper, birds in cages and many long haired cats.

A touch of the gruesome, artiessly told, with unexpected passages of comedy, marks most of her books, all fiction except for an unputils led book on Leigh Hunt. The Skin Chairs is about a small girl Chairs is about a small girl who broods on the presence in her home of six chairs—five black, one white—made of human skin. (As a child, Earbara Comyns was taken to visit a colonel who possessed such chairs, trophics from the Boer War.) Who was changed and who was dead was based on a real epidemic of ergot poisoning in France, restaged in her own Warwickshire village. "It characters I knew and making

them mad. The house in Richmond is near and full of Dresden sta-tues and half naif, half surrealist pictures of her own, a curious visual complement to curious visual complement to her writing. She laughed when I asked if we could have a photograph of her. "One should look venerable at my age. In fact I just look like myself, only older and a bit batte."

batty.' She talks, as she writes, with a throwaway deceptively plain style, but without flippency, choosing words with care and marking them all with a strong and always surprising individual touch.

Caroline Moorehead The Vet's Daughter, by Bar-bara Comyns. Virago Modern Classics, £2.50.

## Clerk's duty to record

Regins v Horseferry Road justices, Ex parte Constable mode of trial, summary or on indictional Court granted an application for judicial review by 20(2)(b) of the Criminal Law Act, 1977. The Divisional Court gramed an application for judicial review by Mr Hamnet Constable, a printer of Wigston Road, Plaistow, and quashed the decision of a stipendary magistrate sixting at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court that he was not entitled to withassembled by a research papers, junction.

Mr Elstein: research papers, junction.

While freedom of expression was not entitled to withdraw his consent to summary trial,
was a fundamental human right,
was a fundamental human right,
on the ground that the consent
was vitlated by the court's failure
to Mr Elstein making it Everyone had the right to respect to give him the opportunity of

LORD JUSTICE DONALDSON said that section 20 made it clear that before a magistrates' court considered whether a case was considered whether a case was suitable for summary trial, and before it asked the accused whether he consented to summary trial, it had to give the prosecution and the accused the opportunity of making representations as to which mode of trial was the more suitable.

suitable.

In an affidavit the applicant stated that, when he gave his consent to summary trial he was informed by the clerk to the court that he had a right to be tried either by jury or in the magistrates' court, but that he was never informed that he could make any representations.

The clerk had no recollection. when scott ruzgeraid described the rich as being different from the rest of us he said nothing about one quality associated with wealth; the rich are healthier. In every part of the world the children of the rich are taller and heavier than their poor compatriots. As unemployment mounts and poverty returns to Britain the effects

The clerk had no recollection of the particular case, but it was his practice, in cases where the prosecution asked for summary trial and the accused was unrepresented, to tell the accused represented, to tell the accused that the case could be tried either at the Crown Court or in the magistrates' court and to ask the accused where he thought it ought to be tried, or where he would like it to be tried, and then put the accused to his election. His affidavit added that there had been occasions, although as far as he could recollect the present case was not one of them, when a stipendiary magistrate had accepted jurisdiction without asking for representations from the accused.

The criticism that the clerk's

The criticism that the clerk's usual form of words was inadequate was misplaced. But what was important was that there was no court record that the applicant had ever been asked if he wished to make representations. There would have been a note if be had been asked and had made repre-sentations, but it was equally important that a court record should be made when an accused was asked if he wished to make rep-

His Lordship had to accept that, having regard to the clerk's affidavit, the balance of probabilities was that the applicant's recollection was right and that some slip had been made. It was of fundamental importance that the procedures laid down by section 20 of the Criminal Law Act should be complied with. In the

### Social Focus

## The child-death cycle that could be broken

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resentations but did not do so.

His Lordship had to accept that, should be complied with. In the circumstances the decision would be quashed and the matter remitted to the court to be disposed of at the earliest opportunity.

remainder of the twentieth-century. In 1880 infant mortality (deaths in the first year of life) and perinatal mortality were much the same in Britain and Scandinavia. Yet from 1880 infancy and perinatal mortality fell steadily in Denmark, Sweden, and the Netherlands; in Britain it rose—from 120 per 1,000 births in 1880 to 160 in 1900. The gap opened up at that time has remained ever since and Swedish perinatal and neonatal mortality is now about half that in Britain.

Why does poverty have such a marked effect on childbearing? With modern drugs, blood transfusions, and the whole panoply of technical advances in obstetrics, the social class of the mother might be expected to be of minor importance. Sir Dugald Baird's analysis (published in the British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynae-cology 1080; 87:1057-67) shows that poor maternal health increases the risk of stillbirth from lack of oxygen and from mal-development of the infant's brain (thought possibly to be due to dietary deficiencies). His detailed year by year study shows that the numbers of these infant deaths have risen and fallen in the past 50 years. Two age groups of women had especially high rates: those born at the turn of the century and those born between 1926 and 1937—both times of great poverty. A third peak occurred with women born in the early 1950s—the daughters of the women born in the depression years.

The explanation seems to be that the

health of an adult is crucially influenced by the physical quality of the environment in the first 15 years of life. Childhood experiences affect susceptibility to disease experiences arrest susceptibility to disease and to the hazards of pregnancy. Before birth and for the first year of life the health of a child depends on the health and vitality of the mother. So class differences in infant mortality are, to a large extent, determined by the class differences in nutrition and other social factors in childhood.

How far can medical care reduce the

effects of poor maternal health on child-bearing? That question was examined by the House of Commons Social Services Committee last year in its report on peri-Committee last year in its report on perinatal and neonatal mortality. The committee identified a cluster of socioeconomic factors that contributed to 
perinatal mortality—lack of education, 
poverty, poor housing, possibly poor 
nutrition, unplanned prégnancy, smoking, 
and excess sicohol. It was also convinced, 
on the basis of expert advice from 
obsterricians, that "much of the death and 
handicap suffered by babies of socially 
disadvantaged mothers can be overcome 
by well applied medical intervention". by well applied medical intervention.".

The committee estimated that proper use of modern knowledge could reduce deaths ar and around birth by 35-50 per cent-a saving of 3,000 to 5,000 lives a year. Sadly, the Secretary of State for Health has refused to increase spending on the NHS obstetric services though the expenditure would be balanced by savings in other directions, since curting perinatal mortality is expected to reduce, too, the numbers of children born with lifelong handicaps.

Without positive intervention, Eritain will inevitably continue to lag behind its Scandinavian neighbours. It is a sad commentary on national priorities that Sweden-by no means the richest country in the world—should be the first to give all its children an optimum physical environment. Since 1976 measurement of children's heights has shown no differences either between social classes or between regions. Every child grows to its full genetic potential. Here in Britain regional and class differences are still evident— and so long as they persist, the dis-edvantaged children will carry their disadvantages into childbearing and so on to the next generation.

Dr Tony Smith Medical Correspondent

## Jobless total serious: PM does not intend to depart from policy

For years Britain had tolerated overmanning, restrictive practices and pay increases far in excess of productivity and at last they had a Government which was dealing with the underlying problems, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, said when she was questioned on the unemployment figures amounced today. Ine exchanges pegan after Mr
Ivan Lawrence (Burton, C) had
said, amid Labour Jaughter, Conservative MPs warmly welcomed
Mrs Thatcher's initiative to
arrange a seminar in Downing
Street for inventors and entre-

Mr Michael Foot, Leader of the Opposition (Ebbw Vale, Lab): The tragic and terrible unemploy-ment figures announced today should be debated in the House of Commons in time provided by the Government which has created

Mrs Thatcher: I agree with Mr Foot that they are very tragic figures. If he wishes to pursue the question of debating them be should see Mr Pym, Leader of the

Mr Foot: We have asked that fig-ures of this tragic significance should have been debated and arrangements should have been made for the Government to pro-vide time. worse than any unemployment figures announced since the end of the war. They are worse than any figures for January, except one mouth, in the 1930s. That is one month, in the 1 the situation we face. In May 1977 when the unemployment figures were more than a million less than they are today. Mrs Thatcher said "We would have been drummed out of office if we bad these figures". ls she prepared to face the House of Commons and debate these matters properly? Will she acknowledge that she has been responsible for the worst unemployment figures we have had recorded in this country this

Mrs Thatcher: Mr Foot will pursue the question of time for debate through the proper channels, with the Leader of the House (Mr Pym) which as a former Leader of the House he knows full well is the place and time to pursue them. These times are different from the 1930s (Labour protests). Dur-ing the 1930s there were only 18 million people at work. The em-ployed working population today is something near 24 million

Mr Foot: Mrs Thatcher has restrictive practices and pay increases far in excess of productivat these are figures of a quite different, tragic and momentous consequence. Does she intend to

proceed with the policies that have helped produce them? Mrs Thatcher: Mr Foot seems to indicate you cannot fight inflation unemployment together. To fight inflation is the best way to fight unemployment in the longer

One of the problems we have had is for 20 years we have not taken steps we should have done The exchanges began after Mr to put fundamental problems right. Mr William Hamilton (Central Fife, Lab): Is she dressed in black because of these figures? Her advice to keep on taking the medicine is creating industrial wastelands all over the United Kingdom, When on earth will she come to her senses and face reality?

Mrs Thatcher: The policy of fighting inflation, trying to make industries competitive, trying to encourage innovation and investment is the only policy which will create jobs in the long run. I do not intend to depart from it for one moment. The figures are very serious

The figures are very serious and we are trying to assist as we can in the interim, we have considerably increased the youth opportunities programme.

In the United Kingdom as a whole we are spending together, on special employment measures and training, some £445m. That is a measure of the concern with which we view the situation. Mr Peter Bottomley (Greenwich, Woolwich, West C): Would she confirm that the welcome reduc-tion in the level of pay increases would, if it had occurred last year or the year before, have done a great deal more to reduce the present level of unemployment? Mrs Thatcher: Yes. I gladly con-firm that had pay increases marched hand in hand with pro-ductivity increases, we should not be as uncompetitive as some firms are today. We would have had a lot less unemployment and a lot more jobs.

Miss Joan Lester (Eton and Slough, Lab): Bearing in mind the propaganda of the Conserva-tives at the time of the last election on unemployment and statements they would reduce the number of unemployed, could she make clear whether the increase in the unemployment rate is by design the policy of the Govern-ment or an accident and the policies are now out of control? Mrs Thatcher: There are two main reasons for the substantial increase in unemployment. One is the world recession. The other is that for years in this country we have tolerated overmanning,

## Government do care: large scale help

industry on a scale which refuted Labour's argument that the Con-servative Party and the Govern-ment did not care about memployment, Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Employment. He added that if Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Industry in the last Labour government and now Opposition spokesman on employment had acted at the right employment had acted at the right time, the country might not be that this party and Government do not care about memployment. Hillsborough, Lab): Does he not

feel deeply ashamed at the des-perate plight that Britain has been brought to by this most doctrinaire and reactionary of all govern-When will the Government rea-

lize that the policy of monetarism is defunct and hopeless? When will the U-turn come about and bring some of our working people, especially young people, back into work?

Mr Prior: I share the concern of the whole House. (Renewed Labour interruptions.) Nobody likes to stand here with unemployment at this level.

The policies adopted by this Government however hard and however difficult, are more likely in the long run to get this country back on to a firm footing than anything suggested by the Opposition

Mr Cyril Smith (Rochdale, L): Ha to stop using anemployment as an economic weapon? Actions speak louder than words. If he cannot persuade the Government to stop

Collections of birds' eggs already in the possession of museums before enactment of the Wildlife

before enactment of the winding and the Countryside Bill were not intended to be the subject of prorecutions, the Earl of Avon, a Lord in Waiting, said when the Bill was considered in committee.

Lord Montagu of Beaulieu moved

an amendment to Clause 1 (Protection of wild birds, their nests and eggs) which would provide a

eggs) which would provide a defence for bona-fide museums with existing collections of birds and eggs able to show that these

He said he was not an egg collec-or but the Council of Museums

Associations; of which he was a member, were concerned on this

point. It would be difficult in the future for museums to prove the

collections were in their posses before the passing of the Act.

Mr Eric Varley, chief Opposition

ment policies are making a bleak output, average unemployment in industrial countries—our situation is much worse than the world recession. By any measure Mr Prior now is as discredited as the name of his job, a job he has signally failed to fulfil.

country would rejoice in. Mr Prior: Mr Varley is right in saying that our unemployment is worse now than that of other coun tries, but he is totally wrong in no recognizing that has been a growing situation for 20 years, and one for which he, as Secretary of State for Industry in the former government, must take his share of responsibility.

Fir Prior: The Government is not using unemployment as an economic weapon.

The amount of aid we are giving through special employment measures, and the temporary short-time working compensation scheme, and through aid on a massive scale to industries like British Leyland, British Shibuilders, the NEB and many others, is on a scale which refutes the Labour account.

spokesman on employment (Chesterfield, Lab): Why does he not come clean and admit that Govern-On any analysis-investment,

If he were to leave this now, this is one redundancy that the whole

If he had done what was necess-If he had done what was uccess ary in helping to thin down the old, outdated industries at the right time, we might not be facing

a collection needed protection too.

The Earl of Avon said should a case come to court the Government believed it would be sufficient for a museum to have kept records of all eggs received after enactment

of the Bill and to swear an affada-vir that all other eggs in its posses-sion were held before the Act applied to them.

He understood museums had recently been advised that for their protection they should keep good records and mark and protect their

amendment created more problems

than it attempted to solve. Pre-Act egg collections were not intended and not likely to be the subject of

The amendment was withdrawn, here were one or two wildlow!

prosecutions.

Lord Donaldson of Kingsbridge like the wigeon and the plukfoot

Protection for collections of eggs in museums

Lord Mowbray and Stourton (C) Ferrard (C) explained in opposing said the amendment only covered an amendment banning the shoot-museums. The private person ing of any wild bit between an whose grandfather might have had bour after sunset and an hour-

before sunrise.

## Unique concentration of newspaper power in one set of hands

John Smith, chief Opposition spokesman on trade, said opening the emergency debate on the proposed sale of the titles. The newspapers concerned had a unique place in the national life, he

Mr Smith (North Lanarkshire, Lab) said the proposed purchase raised vital questions of public interest. The case for a reference innerest. The case for a relateful to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission in this case was clear and straightforward. The acquisition by Mr Murdoch of both newspapers created a very large concentration of power in one set of bands.

of hands.

He understood that with The Sun and The Times, Mr Murdoch would have 30 per cent of daily newspaper readership. The News of the World and The Sunday Times together would make 36 per cent of Sunday newspaper readership. eadership.
The Times (be said), perhaps

our most prestigious paper, has played, still plays and will, I hope, continue to play a role as a reliable journal of record, a forum of national debate and articulator of independent opinion. The Sunday Times has pioneered new fastions and techniques of journalism which have made it one of the most influential and successful Sunday newspapers in Both played such a role in national life, that particular care had to be given to move and by

had to be given to how and by whom they were controlled. Parliament already provided a method by which those matters could be scrutinized in Part V of the Fair Trading Act, 1973. If the mechanism thus provided was said to be not a proper way of handling it, one wondered why they should bother to retain it. Mr Tristam Garel-Jones (Watford, C), said he understood that the merger of The Sun and The Times would give 25.9 per cent of the daily market, not 30 per cent.

dally market, not 30 per cent. Those were from the latest ABC circulation figures. Mr Smith said he had not been talking about market share. He had reason to believe his figures

had reason to believe his figures were correct.

It was unlawful and void for a newspaper merger to take place unless the Secretary of State approved it.

There were two ways he could avoid referring it to the Monopolies Commission: where it was not intended to continue one of the titles, when he could not refer it; and where the Secretary of State was satisfied that a newspaper was not economic as a paper was not economic as a going concern and as a separate paper. As a matter of orgency, he could then choose not to refer it. He should explain, if he did not refer it, how he satisfied himself that The Sunday Times was not concern against a serious concern. economic as a going concern.

The position of the two newspapers (he said) appears different in this respect. The Times, for

in this respect. The Times, for the present at least, appears to be making a loss, although there are some projectious about it becoming profitable in future. I believe that is what Mr Murdoch says timself. The Sunday Times situation is quite different.

Certain information had been given by Warburgs, the bankers employed by Thomsons. Projections had been made by them about the profitability of The Sunday Times. In 1980, he understood there had been a small profit. In 1981, it would make 44.8m; in 1982, £11.9m and in 1983, £13m. £4.8m ; in. 1983, £13m.

In those circumstances, the Sec-retary of State could not find it easy to satisfy himself that The easy to saisty mineri that the Sunday Times was not economic as a going concern as a separate newspaper. That seemed to him to be a statutory obligation which the Secretary of State had to meet.
There might be an argument that there was not enough time for a report to be made and that the deal would be frustrated to the prejudice of employment and the ultimate loss of the news-

the ultimate loss of the newspapers.

The timescale, with March 3
and March 14 as deadline dates,
had not been fixed by uncontrollable events or the hand of fate,
but solely by Thomsons.

It was clear from what had
been said by the parties to this
proposed purchase that some time
had to be allowed for negotiations with the print unions. Mr
Murdoch had said that was a condition put upon his purchase of
Times Newspapers. didon put upon ms put seed.

Times Newspapers.

It would be possible for the Secretary of State to make a reference to the commission with a request that he received a remain a short period. There in a short period. t in a short period. There not a great deal of detail to

You can (he said) only shoot wiscon if the moon is right and the tide and cloud is right. This only happens two or three times a

Lord Beaumont of Whitley (L) who moved the amendment, said the shooting of wildfowl and waders at might was not as selective as it ought to be. It was easy for protected species to be shot by mistake.

Lord Buxton of Alsa (C) said the

amendment was grossly unfair to a very small section of the com-munity. They were a band of

munity. They were a band of people around the coast, dedicated

enthusiasts who owned no land and had nowhere else to go.

Such concentrations of newspaper power as were proposed by the purchase of The Times and The Sunday Times by Mr Rupert Murdoch were probably unique and unprecedented in history. Mr for the report to be prepared so lobm Smith, thief Connection were available, assuming that the parties were all willing to cooperate. It would take another week for the report to be prepared so it could be available within the time scale already made for discussions with the unions. He understood the concern people had about employment and that these papers should continue as valuable institutions of public life, but that concern could be experimented. The Act of the content of the concern could be

safeguarded. The Act set a time limit of three months for a report, but there was no legal inhibition on the Secretary of State asking. for a quick report. This would be an acceptable solution.

The public interest could be weighed and taken into account here, without prejudice to the genuine interests of the people whose interests of the people whose interests of the people. whose jobs were involved. Of course that implied a political will on the part of the Government to

make a reference and this might be what was missing in this case. Mr Murdoch had said his only objection to a reference to the commission was this question of Another line of argument had been developing which said it was not necessary or desirable to refer commission because other sufficient or better safe-guards existed in the assurances Mr Murdoch had already given to the Thomson organization and the

the Thomson organization and the staffs of the newspapers.

Assurances given in good faith by Mr Murdoch to the present owners of the organization were not substitutes for assurances given to a public statutorily constituted body such as the commission. Such assurances stood when questions were being asked.

When Thomsons took over they were the only bidder unlike the present case, but the matter was referred to the commission and Lord Thomson was cross-examined on the quality of the safeguards he offered.

offered.

Assurances had been given about editorial freedom and the integrity of the national directors of Times Newspapers. They were in some ways satisfactory concerting the independence of the papers, the control to be vested in the editor, and declarations about the papers being free of party political bias.

The national directors were crucial to the operation of the safeguards that were promised by Mr Murdoch. These directors were distinguished figures. At present under the articles of association of the newspapers of the Thomson Organisation as it existed there was a special clause that it was

Organisation as it existed there was a special clause that it was the Astor family which had the sole right to nominate directors. Under the new arrangement, this would be removed so one of the safeguards regarding appointment of the national directors was being removed, not strengthened. strengthened.
The appointment of the editors was of great importance because they knew there was going to be a vacancy in the reasonably near future at *The Times*. Many of Mr Murdoch's assurances hinged on the role of the editor. It depended on the independence of the editor if the assurances were going to

if the assurances were going to have any meaning at all.

Under the proposed change, the national directors were not involved in the appointment of the editor. All they had instead was a right of veto. A Murdoch appointee would be put before them and rejected if they so wished. This was diminution of an existing safeguard.

These two points indicated why they must look carefully at the assurances, and why it was important that an expert body such as the newspaper panel of the commission applied its mind to finding out precisely what was involved.

involved.

It was possible there could be improvements in that direction. There was a faint air of the Athenaeum about the national directors. It was not the full spectrum of British public life. Perhaps there could be two additional automal directors with

tional national directors with working journalists from The Times and The Sunday Times. These would be people with experience of working in newspapers who would be better to watch over the assurances given. watch over the assurances given.

If the new editor was someone who was prepared to go along with the proprietor, a lot of the assurances would not be worth the paper they were written on.

We need to know (he said) the record of Mr. Murdoch in respect of assurances given in respect of of assurances given in respect of other newspapers in other parts of the world and that could be looked at by the Monopolles and Mergers Commission.

The Secretary of State had a legal duty to refer to the commission and it was overwhelmingly in the public interest that such a major change in

people at in hedgerows at night. They want to sit there peacefully and uninterrupted. Just think what

would happen if at some emotional

would happen it at some emotional moment there was a shot and they were peppered with pellets from 80 yards?

Lord Buxton of Alsa: There is no known species on this planet that courts in 10 degrees of frost at might in lanuary.

The Earl of Avon, a Lord in Waiting, said the Government had taken advice on the practice of night shooting. They must remember that in the main this type of shooting was only possible on a few nights each winter and its practioners were few and few

practioners were few and, for the most part, the most skilled of

The amendment was withdrawn.
The committee stage was

The Bill of Rights Bill completed

its report stage and the Imprison-ment (Temporary Provisions) Act (Continuance No 3) Order was

night in January.

approved.

## Trade Secretary explains why he consented to Mr Murdoch's bid for 'The Times'

interest expressed both within the House and outside attested to the important place which Times Newspapers had in Sritain's national life, and the manner of their continuance were issues of genuine public concern.

The general desire was to see Times and The Sunday Times and the various supplements communed in publication and to preserve the traditions and independence and the editorial freedom for which they were rightly renowned. Upder the 1973 Fair Trading Act there was a presumption that all proposels for newspaper mergers should be investigated by

the Monopolies Commission. The Act did, however, provide
in Section 58(3)—for certain
exceptions. Where the Secretary
of State was satisfied that the newspaper concerned was not economic as a going concern, and as a separate newspaper, and if he was satisfied also that if the newspaper was to continue at a separate newspaper, the case was one of urgency, he might give his consent to the transfer, without a reference to the commission. reference to the commission. Thomson Organisation Limited

The Sunday Times, made its application under that provision. I had therefore first to satisfy myself whether the two condi-tions of the section—whether The Times and The Sunday Times. separately, were each economic as a going concern, and whether the case was one of urgency. If I was so satisfied, it was then for me to decide whether I should still require an investiga-

tion by the Monopolies Commis-sion or whether I should grant my consent without a reference, if necessary with conditions My accountants have carried out a detailed investigation into the financial position and future prospects of both The Times and The Sunday Times. They have looked at the figures for the first 11 months of 1980—the latest

available.

On the basis of their advice, I am satisfied that neither news-paper under present ownership and under present conditions what the Act requires me to look at-was economic as a going con-cern and as a separate newspaper. As far as The Times is concerned, there can be no doubt about the position. But even in the case of The Sunday Times, after allocating to it a reasonable share of Thomson's fixed over-heads, I am satisfied that that paper too is uneconomic.

paper too is uneconomic.

Mr Geoffrey Robinson (Coventry,
North-West, Lab): After 15 years
of ownership of these vital
national newspapers, particularly
The Times, it is an insult to the
nation to fix a deadline of that
kind and say "otherwise I am
going to close them down'. It
is reminiscent of what the Chrysler Corporation tried to do. Mr Biffen: It remains a matter of value judgment. The Board of Trade accountants concluded that in 1980 for the 11 months avail-

organcy? Thomsons announced in October last that because of con-tinuing heavy losses it had decided to sell its Times titles—the three supplements, which were not news-papers for the purposes of the Act, as well as The Times and The Sunday Times—by March and it sought, bids by December, 31.

Arrangements for closure of the newspapers, including the serving of redundancy notices to staff, were set in hand. There is no doubt (be said)

There is no doubt (be said) that if a new owner does not take over these newspapers, they will cease publication in March.

I am conscious that some people regard this as a Thomson bluff. This is an area where one has to make a judgment as to whether it is a Thomson bluff or not a Thomson bluff it is my judgment. Thomson bluff, it is my judgment, and the House can confirm or reject it, that I must say in my opinion closure is a real pos-

sibility. hir John Smith: He will appreciate how crucial is his assertion that The Sunday Times is not economic at present. Would be be prepared to make available to the House to make available to the House the figures upon which his accountants have arrived at that conclusion, and will be say whether the allocation of overheads to The Sunday Times made by his accountants is or is not by his accountants is or is not that made by Warburgs who gave information to potential purchasers?

Mr. Biffen: It was the judgment of the Department of Trade accountants working on the figures supplied by Warburgs. It turns on the allocation ultimately of the overheads as between The Sunday Times and The Times within the organization. organization.

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch and Lymington, C): Have his accountants worked on the assumption that the unhelpful attitude of the unions, which has brought about the financial situation at Thomson, will continue? Is that the basis on which he has made his indemire? Mr Biffen: No. The analysis has been made over the last 11 mouths on the basis that that was a period

relatively free from the adverse impact of the shudown. But no view was taken, and in my view under the Act I could not take a view, of what might be any potential profitable position well into the future. That is not the factor that has to weigh with me

Mr Douglas Jay (Wandsworth, Battersea, North, Lab): Sorely, what he said is not fully convinc-ing? If it is true that Warburg has informed potential purchasers that The Sunday Times would be mak-ing profits in the next few years. how does he explain his view that it is not economically viable? Mr Biffen: For the reasons I have just explained.

There is no doubt that if a new owner does not take over these

newspapers they will coase publi-cation in March. This is an area where I agree that some Labour

to give my consent. I approach this decision with an established preference for newspaper mergers to be examined by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. Newspapers are special and their ownership is a proper

matter for public concern. The impending closure of the newspapers clearly poses a real problem. The 1973 Act required that the commission must complete its investigations within three months unless the Secretary of State, because he is persuaded that there are special reasons, gives the Commission a further period of turce months, I am not empowered to require a report in a shorter

It has been suggested that we should have a quick investigation. I am sure that Mr Smith does not want a superficial study but is looking for a proper examination of the issues.

The chairman of the Monopolies and Mergers Commission was asked whether notwithstanding the asked whether notwithstanding the three months allowed for an investigation of a newspaper merger under the Act, already a short period compared with that for other inquiries, he could complete an inquiry in a significantly shorter period. Sir Godfray Le Quesne, fully recognising both the urgency of this matter and its importance, considered this question with some care.

In view of the possible scope of the inquiry and the statutory requirements governing the con-tents of the report. Sir Godfry concluded that if they were to conduct an adequate inquiry. could not promise a report in under eight weeks—still a signifi-cant reduction on the period allowed in the Act. I am conscious that in some

quarters there is a feeling that the Thomson closure timetable could have been arranged to allow time for a monopolies investigation. I can only say that the request for my consent to the transfer of the titles to News International was received on January 23, and on the best possible timetable, a Monopoles and Mergers Commission report could not have been available before The Times and The cation.

Mr Patrick Cormack (South-West Staffordshire, C): Has he talked to the Thomson Organisation about this? Is he not profoundly unhappy about the pistol put to his head?
Mr Biffen: I have taked to the
Thomson Organisation. We would
be much happier working under much less constraint. But delay would affect the deal agreed between Thomson and News International, probably requiring the reopening of negotiations.

I am told that the discussions between the possible new owner and the priors could not having

until the decision was taken fol-lowing the Monopolies and Mergers Commission report.

A reference to the commission (he went on) triggers a series of delays clearly beyond the present closure plans. osure plans. I should add that the commission

and the unions could not begin

where I agree that some Labour is required to investige a particular application and to report whether or not it judges that application to be against the public matter.

I must say I am satisfied that the conditions of section 58(3) are met in this case, and I have to decide in the conditions might be attached to the transfer.

plied that the commission can look at all the possible bidders for the papers and recommend one they think best. But this misconceives the commission's function.

The choice I faced was whether to insist on a commission investiga-tion and risk closure of *The Times* titles, with 4,000 redundancies and the possibility of the permanent closure of The Times.

I mentioned the importance of the character of The Times being preserved—the relationship between the proprietor and the editor that has been established at the time of the Thomson acquisition, and I know that it has been assumed that this would be an essential point in any Monopolies and Mergers Commission investiga-

The Act provides for my consent to be given conditionally or uncon-ditionally, and if the Monopolies and Mergers Commission were to recommend any conditions, these too could only be brought into effect as conditions attached to my

After earnest consideration, and to avoid disruption and uncertainty. I have concluded that I should give my consent forthwith, and without a Monopolies Commission investigation—(Cries of "dis-graceful")—to the transfer of Times Newspapers to News Inter-national, subject to certain condi-

Mr Biffen then went on to read one 

I am taking steps (be said) to ensure that these conditions are entrenched. Those on editorial independence will be incorporated into the Articles of Association of The Times Newspapers companies and any change in the relevant articles would in future require my

That requirement as well as the other conditions will be backed up by the sanctions provided for in the Act.

He continued: I realise that the transfer of two such prestigious newspapers as The Times and The Sunday Times to someone who is

already a substantial newspaper, proprietor must inevitably raise e important question of the pubthe important question of the public interest.

The concentration in ownership is, on the face of it, disturbing, though I must say that The Times and The Sunday Times are appealing to different ends of the market from the existing publications of News International—The Sun and

News of the World.

Moreover, the conditions attach-

ing to my consent to the transfer will deal satisfactorily with this problem as well as with that of editorial freedom. I do not deny that there is nor-mally a great deal to be said for a thorough Monopolies Commission inquiry in contentious mergers and the safeguards that course con-tains. That course was available to me but in these circumstances it would have been inexcusable if, by causing delay and creating uncertainty. I had taken any steps which

might have resulted in permauent closure of one, and perhaps both, of these great newspapers. He hoped and believed that his judgment in agreeing to the merg-er application with the conditions attached would secure a continuing quality of journalism that was to the national advantage.

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## Bidding process unfairly conducted-MP

Mr Jo Grimond (Orkney and Shetland, L), a trustee of The Guardian, said it had not been stressed enough that there were other people in the field besides Mr Murdoch.

One has to say (be said) after talking with these three organizations that the bidding process for The Times and The Sunday Times has not been fairly or openly conducted according to general commercial sules.

The Times journalists' organization. JOTT, had formed an alliance with another organization minance with another organization initiated by the Editor, Mr William Rees-Mogg, and backed by an extremely respectable board. It was time the possibility was looked at of associating the journalists with the running of their own newspapers.

their own newspapers.

This was exactly what The Times journalists wanted to do. The cooperative the journalists had set up had put in a preliminary offer. If the Secretary of State was wrong, as he (Mr Grimond) suspected he was, about the viability of The Sunday Times, the whole of his case fell to the ground and he should exercise his discretion in sending the matter to the

Parliament could not have legis-lation made a nonsense of because people laid down a time-table. Mr Jonathan Aitken (East Thanet, C) said it was a said day for the Conservative Party which appeared to have abandoned its traditional role of the opponent of large monopolies.

Mr Murdoch had strewn assurances and safeguards on news-paper and television ownership like confetti all round the world and in far too many instances those assurances had proved to be worthless.

be worthless.

The assurances that he had given, together with his track record, had to be considered with, at the very least, extreme caution. He had been making changes in the editorials of The Sunday Times and The Times although he was not yet owner. He believed that situation would continue and would probably deteriorate unless the most stringent, legally binding safeguards were obtained from Mr safeguards were obtained from Mr Murdoch by the Government.

The Department of Trade had been taken for a ride by the Thomson Organisation because the threat of closure if the deal with Mr Murdoch was not allowed to go through was an empty threat. The Thomson Organisation had set an artificial deadline for selling

the newspapers.

There had been plenty of There had been plenty of scrious alternative bidders. The journalists consortium had serious finance behind it. But far more formidable than that were three major groups. There was Lonrho whose financial offer was believed to be in excess of Mr Murdoch's; Associated Newspapers had put up a substantial offer as had Atlantic Richfield.

One has to say (be said) after told their proprietor that they cated would be very much greater alking with these three organizacould not be loyal to a propaganda; than that which was allocated at the bidding process for sheet. The chairman of Warburgs was Lord Roll. In this capacity he must take the prime responsibility for what many saw as the less than even-handed treatment of bidders other than Rupert Murdoch.

The same Lord Roll was also a national director Roll was also a national director of Times Newspapers. The question had to be asked: what was the role of Lord Roll? Was there a conflict of interest here? He understood the prospectus put out by Warburgs stated un-equivocally that The Sunday Times was a profitable paper and was going to become still more profit-able. That must be highly rele-

The Secretary of State's decision might yet be tested by the courts. He said that on the basis of a conversation he had had with the managing director of Associ-ated Newspapers who indicated his the managing director of Associ-ated Newspapers who indicated his company was likely to test it with an injunction. He thought the Secretary of State may well have acted in an incorrect manner. That was why he would be with the Opposition in the lobbies.

in the lobbies.

Mr Phillip Whitehead (Derby, North, Lab) said it was the Prime Minister who had dictated that Rupert was owed a favour and that this should not go to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

He would not believe for one moment that. Mr Murdoch only appeared as the favoured bidder some time in January. He believed the discussions were going on for much longer. He believed this deadline was set pretisely so that when the debate eventually had to be held in the House a minister could with impunity get up and say what he had said this afternoon.

Mr Biffen said he discussed with Thomsons and News International the implications of an eight weeks' MMC report indicating to them the real advantage there would be if they could so extend the dearline so that there would be a report. They said they were not prepared to extend the deadline. Mr Whitehead : In that case I can only say he did not extend his powers of persussion very far.

Mr Murdoch's news media concerns in Australian was supposed to be the top newspaper in that country. During the 1975 strike the staff of The Australian paper the overhead factor allo-

The Australian had had three The Australian had had three editors in the past year. Mr Murdoch's editors came and went pretty quickly all the way round the world. Mr Murdoch was in the editorial room of The Sunday Times on Saturday night putting something in. That was not to say that he was distorting the record, but he was there altering the salley proofs.

galley proofs.

The whole operation had been designed to circumvent the Fair Trading Act. That strengthened the case for submitting it to the Mono polies and Mergers Commission. Mr George Gardiner (Reigate, C) said he spoke as a former journalist who worked on The Sunday Times for a number of years. The House should welcome Mr Mur-

doch's willingness to buy Times Newspapers.
The provisional sale agreed was the best that could be obtained in the circumstances for the newspapers concerned and for the read-Biffen had announced today

some pretty strict conditions for approving this transfer. They were tiff conditions and they controlled.

Listening to Mr Foot last week, he had suspected that there were certain political implications in the objections. It seemed to him that Mr Foot was objecting simply because Mr Murdoch would put together tits and Torvism and both

were good marketable commod-itles. The test of Mr Murdoch as owner of the papers should be one only: could he provide what was needed to make it a viable and successful newspaper? By all the tests he was the right man.

Mr Geoffrey Robinson (Coventry, North-West, Lab) said that in his first major decision, Mr Biffen had failed to stand up to the Prime Minister. That was the reality of the situation. Straightforwardly it was a pay-off for The Sun (Conservative protests.)

He did not want to see, as a result of a lapse of concentration by the House and an increased concentration of power in Fleet Street, open letters of that sort being addressed by the staff of The Times or The Sunday Times to their new proprietor.

The did not want to see, as a result of a lapse of concentration (Newham, North East, Lab) said if the free flow of information was the life-blood of democracy, the present ownership structure of the British concentration.

The did not want to see, as a result of a lapse of concentration was the life blood of democracy, the present ownership structure of the British in the lapse of concentration was the life blood of democracy, the present ownership structure of the British in the free flow of information was the life blood of democracy, the present ownership structure of the British in the free flow of information was the life blood of democracy, the present ownership structure of the British in the free flow of information was the life blood of democracy. ownership structure of the British press was incompatible with it. It might embarrass Conservative MPs, but Mr Rupert Murdoch was an efficient predator in this jungle. He wanted to see the eventual breakup of the monopoly in newspapers. It was one of the unacceptable faces of capitalism. Meantime, trade unionists would have to do their best to exist within that

And it is our view (he said) that the most viable offer is the one from Mr Murdoch. Mr Tristan Garei-Jones (Watford,

C) said the colour supplement of The Sunday Times was printed by Sun Printers in his constituency. The unions involved, and management, were delighted with the deal. Management had told him that if the deal did not go through some the deal did not go through some printers would move immediately on to short-time working.

Any conditions put on the deal by the minister were legally binding under the Fair Trading Act. Anyone guilty of an offence against it it would be liable to imprisonment for a maximum of two years, or to a fine, or both. Mr Norman Atkinson (Haringey, Tottenham, Lab) said there was an anti-socialist monopoly in the anti-socialist monopoly in the newspapers. Trade unions, however, wanted continuity of production above all. They asked what was the alternative to Rupert Murdoch's, offer. The conclusion must be that there was no viable alternative at the moment.

tive at the moment. The Labour movement looked to the day when they would have for themselves a newspaper which would be favourable to their point of view without being tied to a political party.

Mr Christopher Price (Lewisham. Mr Christopher Price (Lewisham, West, Lab) said the supplements formed an important part of the country's educational and cultural life and should be protected in the

same way under the assurances as the two newspapers. Mr John Biffen said a number of MPs had talked about bluff and counter-bluff. He was not sure that was the most wise posture holding

the public interest in these matrers.
The sanctions implicit in the conditions were formidable. He had been asked about the extent to which they could secure editorial The motion for the adjournment was rejected by 281 votes to 239-Government majority, 42.

Mr Frank Dobson (Camden, Hol-

## Lord Leatherland (Lab) asked to say a few words on behalf of courting couples. My memory (he said) is not what it used to be but I believe sometimes well-intentioned young (Lah), for the Opposition, said his which one could only shoot at party supported the amendment. Wiscount Massereene and Proposals for heavier lorries would be unacceptable if they worsened state of the roads

The Government could ensure by paying an environmental price taxation that there was no unjustified incentive for lorry traffic, Mr
Norman Fowler, Minister of Transdid the public interest ile? port, said n opening a debate on the Armitage report. At present, he added, the heaviest forries did not pay their full track cost and both sides of the House agreed that action to rectify this anomaly.

RIF Fowler (Sutton Coldfield, C)
spid there was done multisaid there was deep public concern about the effect on the environ-ment of the lorry. At the same time, there was a strong feeling in industry that economic benefits

No decisions had been taken and the debate was part of the process of fulfilling the Government's promise to consult the House. It was not an end of the process. He was still willing to listen to or There were still too many towns and villages choked- by heavy traffic. It remained a priority of the Government to seek to improve the situation by the construction of bypasses and relief roads. Funds were limited but it would do everything it could be a read-

The report made proposals for lower than EEC axle weights which, if implemented, would involve no further expenditure on hridges. It drew on work by the Transport and Road Research Laboratory to estimate that because of the larger amount of axles the heavier vehicles proposed eventually reduced road damage. The Government would not

accept proposals for heaver vehi-cles if it was advised that this would worsen the state of the inclusive that economic benefits the situation by the construction of could be gained by allowing heavier lorries.

The essential question was whether the economic benefits of the situation by the construction of the situation by the construction of the construction of the situation by the situation of the situation of the situation by the situation of t The report rejected the idea of

Intrusive and recommended that the intrusive part, the trailed should be restricted to present dimensions. The issue was whether the Armitage Committee charted a way forward that the country could take. It was a package of proposals but he hoped they could seek as much common ground as possible. No decisions had yet been taken. Mr Albert Booth, chief Opposition spokesman on transport, (Barrow-in-Furness, Lab) said over the last 33 years there had been a con-tinuous trend towards the use of

heavier lorries. There had been a massive switch from rail to road in freight usage. Between 1953 and 1979 the rado of freight carried by

The judgment they had to make was whether they wanted the trend towards greater use of the heavy lorry to confine, stop at the stage which had been reached or be It was most important to remove the large numbers of heavy lorries from town and village centres.

Many more by passes were needed.

People and lorries just do not
mix (he said) on the sort of roads
in most of our towns and cities,
and when attempts are made to

them people are killed and It would be:15 years before they would have the sort of by-pass programme needed to deal with heavier lorries. He was dissatisfied with the way the Armitage report had dealt with the environmental

issues. The bad environmental There were areas in which the report did not measure up to the seriousness of the problems caused by lorries,
Mr Christopher Patten (Bath, C)

Mr Christopher Patten (Bath, C) said he represented a lorry battered constituency in which the announcement of heavier lorry weights would be greeted with about as much enthusiasm as a fresh outbreak of Dutch elm disease would be in a rural constituency.

They could not expect people to accept an increase in lovry weights without the other environmental measures set out in the report. Mr Clement Freud (Isle of Ely, L) said at present there seemed to be

unfair compening by the road haukers who were not abiding by the law and were getting it all too cheap. That was the main reason for the decline in rail freight. Mr Gary Waller (Brighouse and

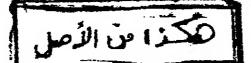
Spenborough, C) sald heavier for-ries did not need to be longer or larger lorries. It was size which seemed to determine people's fears and apprehensions about lorries

born and St Paucras, South, Lab) said Mr Fowler had to give at undertaking that he was not prepared to go ahead with an increase in lorry weights without it being part of a general package which would ensure there would be the imposition of severe environmental controls on existing lorry fleets.

Parliamentary notices House of Commons
Today at 2.30; British Nation House of Lords Today at 2.30 Debates on British— Feeplish agreement on Gibraliar and Spain's application to loin EEC and on benefits which would now from

Correction Remarks about the purishment of

drunken drivers were wrough Harrow in our report in the issue of January 22 of last Wednesday's House of Lords debate on trans-



perience and they have an appe

It is, in short, a piece for thoroughbred performers. Not necessarily superstars but actors

who can compensate for the

lack of a strong narrative line by the cut of their clothes, their ability to point lines with

lightness and speed, and to get into the wrong withour losing

qualities, alas, are to be found among Gordon McDougall's

company. It is led by Gayle

Hunnicutt in what has to be called the Katherine Hepburn

part of Tracy-the spoiled, un-

assailable virgin goddess who

thaws out under criticism into

a golden girl ready for a spot of nude barning and reunion with her first husband. Miss

Hunnicutt has the right racehorse looks and a fine set of long swishing dresses; she also

does a selfless character assas-

sination on Tracy in the early

scenes as a sour dismissive narcissist forever putting

people down with flat sardonic one-liners. What is missing is

the promise of something worth

reclaiming in her; and when

the process does begin it is like

the spasmodic jumps of an electric clock—a moment of marti-fied reflection, a beaming smile,

a collepse into submission brought on by too much cham-pane. The effect is that of old-fashioned shrew-breaking; and Barry, rhough he wrote the

piece 40 years ago, was not guilty of that kind of sexist

ropagands.

The same could be said of Alan Rickman's Mike, the Philadelphia Petruchio, his dour foot-in-the-door rudeness

unallayed by the charm and in-

telligence that should inhibit

the Lords from showing him the door. Lewis Finnder, as the

debonaire first husband waiting for his turn to come round

again, does achieve the right kind of animation and pleasure

in handling well-written lines.

But one out of three does not

make up much of a triangle.
The pre-war American reperatory is a large neglected field,
and I hope that Oxford and
other theatres will continue to

explore it: but they have not found the tune this time.

National Youth Theatre.

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Not many of these

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enough vulcanite to make one I was in the original produc-tion of Watch on the Ritine so

they said would I mind very

much if they got Vera Lynn to

sing it instead, and the's on all

the records, I can't say I really

mind that very much; I've

always thought of myself as an

actress rather than a singer,

and that little revue was

almost accidental, though I'm

delighted it brought me to

"I spent more than a year

on tour with Noel, and be-

the nearest army or navy hos-pital and do concerts; Noel

did most of the work, but I

did about 15 minutes in the

middle waile he rested his

roice. He knew the whole thing scared me rigid and that

I'd rather have played Hedda

Gabler without a rehearsal than one of those concerts, so

on with confidence and stand

there quite still until you had hush. I used to do 'Nightin-gale' and then a lot of Cole

Porter, anything with a really good lyric and a nice simple

a fascinating birch but under-

"But he encouraged me to

Coward's attention.

#### Last night's television

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# The charge I Record Michael Ratcliffe

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and it is a place in a place cannot be ignored on a little to the entirely as both our national companies have ignored them—
in the tradition—(he ign on very firm ground and the interest in a place in the next is up to his neck in a swamp of contrivance. "I feel to your, says the and it is a problem, because the r filten in a war of content and says the endinger to his childless to his property to his call wife. "I feel sorry for merelf", it is not on by the says the retorts with a blistering

> When the Dancing had to Stop BBC 1

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and arms pro-When you dance on stage, Nureyey told us last night, you of the soft of The Tree should have such total commitment that the public could never imagine your haring a family, a lover or a homelic. This Omnious film set out to explore exactly those offstage pressures in Lynn Seymour's life and when the producer, Vanya Kewley, started filming last May she must have known that there was a great deal to work on two failed marriages, three children to bring up and pay for, worries over an Achilles tendon and a career hiatus at the age of 40. What she could not have known was that before filming finished, Seymour would also be involved. a second foot injury, a controversial appearance at a Palladium gala evening, an engagement to a 29-year-old rock composer and a headlinegrabbing resignation from the Royal Ballet, all of which the

film made good use of.

In Play for Today the plot would seem all too improbable but, thanks to Sevmour's willingness to talk frankly and fourly about things (nice to attempts to tell hertelf some-know that bailet dancers use thing? I like not dancing foul language occasionally) and fairies, she said of classical balher imperviousness to the let. I have a feeling the likes cameras (both husbands were not dancing total court.

straightforvardness unthinkable in Man and Superman, but when they go into the wond and Will meets the daughter he langed for and never had, and Alice becomes the destitute wife of the man she thought she should have narried in the first place, we simply want to look the other way. It is for their energy, charm, mastiness and pain, not for their remorse, that Barrie's characters interest us now.

Dear Brutus, written in 1917 out of the bitter misery made cridem in Aldrew Birkin's Egreie and the Lost Bous, is almost entirely about remorse, the desire for "a second chance", and I was enrious to know what Alan Bridges and an excellent cast would make of it. The answer s quite a lot —Alan Webb's splintery old host even got that whimsical business with the roses past us -but still not quite enough. At 80 minutes it was all a bit rushed for one thing and not all the second chinces came across without confusion. But the energy and the bitterness did, while Chlor Salaman's soul-Stor to Tinkerbell and Mary Rose (" Daddy come back! Con! want to be a might have heen! ") was convincing enough in make sure that we cept look ing, just in case the spell might start to work after all.

plantographers), the contrast between onstage perfection and unsatisfactory old reality came across beautifully. What came across even more strongly, at least to me, was the idea that deep inside Lynn Seymour does Pregnancy, she said, was wonderful.

It meant you did not have to dence for a while. Again, going on stage was rather like entering the bullring; if blood was not spilt, the audience felt it was not getting its money's worth and she too would not en on stage—or go to see some one clse dance—if there was not a prospect of blood and guts. arnistically speaking.
We were given good rations

of Seymour in top form from past films, though after hearing Lynn Seymour describing her work it was not the dramatic quelity that struck me so much as the thought of the sheer effort involved and the sheer effort involved and also the copurest between that whirling actress and the tired, non-stop smoking mother of three talking revealingly but somewhat delectedly about her art. The best times, she said, came in the reheated room with just the choreographer, her partner and the planting piano. So were all those cancellations, recipacions and even the slap resignations and even the slar in the public's face at the gala

# The homecoming of Judy Campbell The Philadelphia Story Playhouse, Oxford

Forty years ago Judy Campbell started out in Rep playing Miss Warren in Mrs Warren's Profession and Eliza in Pugmalian; this winter for the first time since those early days she is back in Shaw, only now of few weeks ago she was Mrs Warren at the Nottingham Playhouse, and now she is alre Higgins in the Young Vic revi-val of Pygnalion which opens this evening. Once that first night is over she then goes straight into rehearsal for her firstever Shakespearian role, the Duchess of York in the Young Vie's Richard II:

"When I was young they asked me to go to the Old Vic children, so now here I am at last, old and at the Young Vic. I think it's rather lovely being sixty; people suddenly seem t have remembered that I'm still alive and available for work."

Especially her son, Judy Campbell's children include not only Jane Birkin, a kind of Yronne Arnaud in reverse who has managed to become a big-ger film star in France than many homegrown French; but also Andrew Eirkin who wrote the triumphant EEC television series and book about J. M. Barrie and the lost Llewellyn-Davies boys:

" His latest project is a film based on the Saki short story Shredni Vashtar and he asked me to play the awful Mrs deRopp whom the hoy prays his ferret will kill. Thank you, I said "but you didn't have that bad a childhood, did you?" He said if I wouldn't play it he'd get somebody to look just like me. so in the look just like me, so in the end I did it myself."

Judy Campbell is in her own definition the star who never was; though she spent several years as Noel Coward's leading lady in four successive plays of his (Blithe Spirit, This Happy Breed, Present Laughter, Reletive Values) and indeed sang with him on hospital concert tours in the war, though she was the first ever to sing "A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square", though she starred in the first-ever Ayckbourn comedy and herself wrote a play which starred Kay Kendall under Rex Harrison's direction, she remains curiously unshe remains curiously unknown to a number of younger theatregoers despite one of the most dinstinctively husky dinstinctively voices this side of Joan Green-

"People think I've never taken the theatre quite seriously enough, but that's not altogether true; it's just that I married outside the business and somehow the family life often seemed more important than going to a theatre every night. Besides, for years we lived on a farm beyond New-bury and before they built the



M4 it took hours to get to London and I could never find a nanny or a housekeeper who wanted to live on a farm, so that was that. Not that I regret a moment of it: we're coming to our thirty-seventh wedding anniversary and I still see all the children almost all the time, and you can't achieve that sore of family by going to a theatre six nights a week."

Though she herself in fact came of a highly theatrical family:

." My father ran away from home in Norfolk to be an actor, changing his name to Campbell when he heard there was a management looking for Scots accents. He was divinely good-looking but far too shy ever to make a real success, and after a few years of doing really terrible melodramas round the provinces he decided he could write them better than that himself. So he became a dramatist, wrote some bugely successful dramas with titles like From Convent to Throne and The Sin of Her Childhood and with the money, which was considerable, he bought the theatre in Grantham where my brother was born. He became a scientist.

"All I ever played at Grantham were maids, but then I did get to the Arts Theare at Cambridge where Baxter Somerville put me into Pyona-lion with Esme Percy who gave me all the moves that while the revue was on nobody Shaw had given to Mrs Patrick made a disc; then a few

lavender bag, though I think in Campbell. I'd like to pass them a war that was maybe more on in my turn to Lesley-Anne Dawn who's our Eliza now, but this is a totally different kind true of himself. of production, based on the version Shaw wrote for the did a terrible comedy about the Crusades which Ambrosine film, and we're doing it with Donald Eccles playing him as a narrator so we can work in some of those marvellous stage directions instead of scenery.

It was early in the war that Judy Campbell first made her name as both a singer and an actress:

"They wanted me to go into revue doing some monologues, and one night the director gave me a song by Eric Maschwitz he wanted to try out. I told him I couldn't sing because I'd broken my voice during a long Vic Oliver tour of Idiot's Delight but I said if he liked I'd crook it instead, and that was 'A Nightingale Sang in Eerkeley Square. When Rex came to do Fair Lady 20 years later they called that technique sprechtgesang: I just called it talking to the music, but people seemed to like it, especially Noel, who came to the revue three times and then put me into his own

plays. Sadly, there is now in exis-tence only one very faint BBC archive recording of her singing that song:

"In the war record materials were in very short supply, so

The first shows the descent WINDOW. he used to give me a nip of gin before we went on, and then he taught me how to walk

tune. Noel once said my trouble was that I looked like All, that is, but for the stuffed-shirt industrialist fiancé neath I was really just an old whose self-righteous departure brands him an outsider in the group. In one sense, the play s an elegant demonstration of the American melting pot theory: "sophisticated" as theory: "sophisticated" as Barry's contemporaries would have said in the 1930s. But it write, as well, and first of all I also has high comic aspirations to give the public a lesson in manners. The word that recurs throughout the play is "class": not social class, but class in the sense of Kennedy's famous dis-

philipotts played quite marvel-lously just for one Sunday-night performance at the Stage Society. Then, years later, I was with Anna Massey in The Reluctant Debutante and I wanted to write something for her so I finished a comedy called The Bright One, but then Rex Harrison bought it then Rex Harrison bought it for his wife Kay Kendall who was dying of leukaemia, and it was the last play she ever did and so traumatic for us all

that it rather cured me of wanting to be a playwright. Judy Campbell's only real regret, however, is that she has never yet managed to play Broadway:

"And now, with all the union restrictions on English actors there, it looks as though pever shall. Just once I'd have liked to see my name up there in lights; in the past every time I got a New York offer I seemed to get pregnant at the same time. But spart from that, no regress at all, and the marvellous thing about the Young Vic is that it's like coming home to weekly Rep once again. It's cocoa time in stead of West End champagne, and I feel I've come home at last.

Sheridan Morley

#### Irving Wardle

Although the ritle of Philip Barry's twice filmed Broadway hi: seems to promise more than it delivers, the play in fact contains two Philadelphia STOTICS.

of a New York reporter-photographer team on the Philadelphia scene to investigate its industry and history as a prelude to tearing its fashionable society into shreds. But as house guests of the wealthy Lord family on the eve of their daughter's remarriage, they gradually warm so much to their privileged hosts that Mike, the reporter, wanly remarks, "I've lost my angle; got tolerant all of a sudden". Along those lines, the Phila-delphia story never gets

However, there remains the second story of a collision between the Lord clan, with their fancy names and playboy occupations, and the self-made radicals who move in to do a hatcher job on them. Along this line, the two parties learn from each other and wind up all on excellent terms.

missal of Nixon, for which the English term is "style". The Lords have got it irrespective of their money, and Mike has got it irrespective of his under-

dog ideology. They are literate, quick-witted, open to fresh ex-Gotcha/Killing Time

#### Ned Chaillet

Shaw

Barrie Keeffe's greatest hits " might be the best description of the Shaw Theatre's double bill, Gotcha and Killing Time. It is rather early to call their reappearance a revival since that smacks of historical curiosity, of a reassessment of a neglected figure. There is nothing dusty about Mr Keeffe and since these plays originally appeared a few years ago, first at the Soho Poly and then in separate trilogies, he has proseparate trilogies, he has pro-duced finer work and will pro-duce more. But they remain as viscerally effective as blows to the solar plexus and they re-tain the urgency of rock music. Along with Abide with Me, they are effectively his "greatest

hits" for they are early works which have shaped his image cendiary theme of rebellion in the comprehensives and Killing the comprehensives and Killing Time is the story of three unemployed youths rrying to spot a car for a car thief. That the anger and point of the plays has not dated is regrettably obvious even as the company which performs them steps forward to point out that the Shaw Theatre Company is one of the Arts Compil's Christmas cuts. It will be the last production by the

company. Had it been chosen after the cuts, it would have been a good farewell selection. Chosen before them it is a ringing vindication of Michael Croft's work with the Shaw and

range of experience.
In Gotcha, however, although the power of the play comes through, Mr Bufferv seems to have forgotten to instil fear in the hostages held by the school-

composer as Mozart, the text must influence the music's tone

and dark, never quite the bass demanded by the composer, though the low notes were to be found when needed.

Wilson-Johnson by Edward

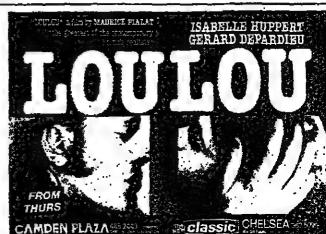
of voice and he is fortunate in being able to sing in a variety of musical accents without relinquishing his interpretative self—his was more than a feat of mimicry. No doubt was left that he is a serious interpreter of song, able to convey a particular musical atmosphere in the first

phrase or so of each song— probably the more exactly because he, like his pianist, also has a ready and likable sense of humour, brought out in War-lock's "Yarmouth Fair", even to a touch of malice. Especially memorable was

Wilson-Johnson's account, sombre and impassioned, of "Six Dukes went a-fishing". The Purcell Room acoustics were inclined to distort his tone at climaxes, though his voice is bigger than he volunteered here; even so, he does sometimes sing round the note, and not plumb in the middle of it, which could prove dangerous later if he does not concentrate his intonation.

Cowie's new songs derive from his recent commedia dell' arte opera called simply Commedia, as their title implies There are nine of them, each concerned with the clown's atutude to an aspect of life (magic, words, dreaming, war, love, are the first five): precise texts, sober vocal line, highly ornate

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#### Book review-The First of the Tudors A Study of Henry VII and His Reign By Michael van Cleave Alexander

(Croom Helm, £12.95)

Henry VII is the most underappreciated of our kings. And yet he ought not to be, for we have under our eyes one of the nonlest of late medieval works in Henry VIPs Chapel at Westminster—a monument to the spaciousness of his mind and taste. It was even inner before the Puritans destroyed the splendid stained glass, like that at King's, Cambridge, to which he largely contributed. He called in Torrigiano to create the figures which make the tomb perhaps the finest Renaissance piece north of the

We have a living monument to him in our present royal house, who may not realizewith their tendresse for the Stuarts—that it all goes back to, and was planned by, him in bringing off his daughter Margarer's marriage to James IV of Scotland. A difficult feat, it took him 10 years, for Scotland was tied to France by the Auld Alliance. Professor Alexander is at his best in these tedious diplomatic negotiations.

1 find Heav VII far more We have a living monument

I find Heay VII far move interesting than big bouncing extroverts like. Henry VIII or Oliver Cromwell. Elizabeth I had a high aginion of him:
"my good grandfather", she once said—she never paid a tribute like that to her father, who had killed her mother. who had killed her house, (Henry VIII was a Yorkist all over, just like his grandfather Edward IV, a big, womanizing, out-of-doors type, burly and

senses of the word, very sharp, secretive, humane, a planner: he carefully planned the suc-cess of his rule, the right man for the job at the right time. His fault is thought to be that he became avaricious before the end. I find that interesting psychologically: interesting psychologically:
he was over - compensating
the insecurity of his early
years. He once told the
historian, Polydore Vergil, that
he had spent the first fourteen
years of his life in confinement, and the next, in exile. I wonder if he spoke English with an accent part-Welsh, part-French? He never had the gift of popularity, which many bad men have been able to COMMISSION. His background was fascinat-

ing: the early Tudors in Ang-lescy had been supporters of the Welsh resistance movement Owen Glendower. under



Henry VII was slim in both Pietro Torrigiano's monument to Henry VII in Westminster

Lancastrian claim to the ist rule.

Henry's grandmother was scenes where things happened, Henry V's widow, Catherine of but American academics have France, who married the no visual sense, especially young Welsh squire. The Lady apposite today. We should have been given the fascinatic head—see her figure in Westminster Abbey—Henry's ground (Henry did his serious mother, was the heiress-general reading in French), instead of A. I. Rowse

of John of Gaunt and of the a conventional chapter on Yorkthrone. She used to sign her- He does well to point out self "Margaret R"-perhaps the happy marriage Henry improperly, but it showed what made with Elizabeth of York, the thought of the margin of th

she thought of the matter.

The Professor is quite good about her paironage of learning, her splendid foundations at Cambridge, but is wrong in the him and his mother—such a contrast with the scandalous libel Richard III cast against at Cambridge, but is wrong in the virtue of his pious mother, thinking Cambridge less than half the size of Oxiord—it was gest that John Howard had beginning to draw level anything to do with the mural anything to do with the mural care of the Princes in the strey. Professor Alexander's Tower—nobody said so at the already in the fifteenth century. Professor Alexander's book is competent and conscientious, but hardly scintillating. What makes it difficult to bring Henry VII alive is that there is little in the way of personal correspondence.

One way to remedy that is to have a visual sense of the scenes where things happened, but American academics have stored respectability to the

Ralph Richardson has pointed out in The Times.

The director of the plays, Bill Buffery, is a former member of the NYT, as are several of the actors, and as is Mr Keeffe. The power and authenticity of the acting and artificial is a world removed.

writing is a world removed from the old formal skills of the English theatre and they come together most impressively in Killing Time, a play Mr Keeffe wrote for the

NYT.
Mr Buffery then still an amateur, directed that first production and his maturity is new staging. It is a difficult, profane piece of writing, ranging through slums and parks and the West End with the inturruption of sudden solilo-quies. As performed now, it rolls with a brilliant comic pace, hiccupping only slightly in the changes of scene.

The comedy, as usual, is aiready piediitully there Keeffe's writing, and his pic-ture of the three young men who filtr with criminality is brilliantly sketched also to show their greater potential.
The actors, David Lear, Robert
Glenister and Sylvester Williams, convincingly establish
the friendship of the characters
but it is Mr Williams as the black youth trained in refrigeration who most tellingly ex-plores the writing for its full

#### David Wilson-Johnson Purcell Room

William Mann

The versatility of David Wilson-Johnson's well-nourished baritone voice was demonstrated with something like a tour de force in his recital on Monday, with David Owen Norris as his uncommonly responsive planist. For Wolf's Michelangelo songs it sounded grave

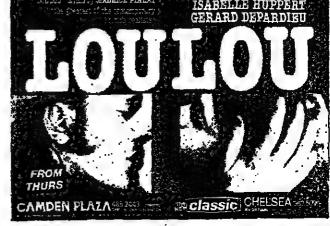
Poulenc's songs The Painter's Work, poems by Paul Eluard about seven contemporary artists simultaneously characterized in music, drew from Wiles Inherent Preservers Wilson-Johnson a warm, russerbued high baritone, light on the breath and debouair. In a Percy Grainger group of folk-song arrangements, particularly in 'The Sprig of Thyme', yet a third vocal personality emerged, robust, yet fine-grained. We had heard something similar in the first half of the recital, devoted to Brighella's World, a new set of songs expressly composed for

Cowie.

Wilson-Johnson is a linguist,
so his biography declares and
as we could remark in his expert, sensitive treatment of

French and German in the and brilliant piano commentary, Poulenc and Wolf songs. For rather loosely strung but comhim, as for such a polyglot pelling.

yesterday's later editions



## Thompson recovers from nightmare to keep the dream alive

By Norman Fox

Foorkall Correspondent The question is whether Coven-try City will make their first appearance at Wembley or West Han United their third in a year. The answer is no tearer after last reshrs sentianding Football Congre Cap sentifinal round first Jen at Highfield Road where Coverify scored three times in the Congre Tay Stored three times in the

last 15 minutes to save them-serves, after conceding two apparently damning goals. The lead part in this dramatic tie was taken by Thompson, the Covern's forward, who gave West Ham their second goal and then scored twice in the right direction, trailing his team back into the game. He scored the winner with the last serious kick of the match.

Coventry have never been this close to a final and though they are also in the fifth round of the are also in the fifth round of the FA Cup, the nearness of the League Corp change electated the assignment at hand to something momental it was an odd reversal of the street rives with West. Ham, the imprecise second division club, more accustomed to the trues situation than their first division opponents and seeming about to prove E.

. Though they had thoughts of in-Though they had thoughts of intion goals in the first half,
Covening at that stage really fell
victim of West Ham's elegant
composite. While generally committing only Cross and Goddard
to the attack, reserving Devonshire for occasional forays along
the line and frequent additional
covering of Bodak's movements,
West Ham still showed a high regard for the balance of their
extracks, sweeping the pitch with
some splendid football.

Covenity, until their revival,

Coventry, until their revival, offered less diversification, concentraring much of the play on the left side where Roberts made robust and skilful attacks from the back, supporting Hunt, whose turn of speed is as sharp as ever. The outcome tended to be a solid clearance by Bonds, who revels in these occasions, and here Immersed himself in the job of

blocking everything that Coventry

launched.

After living dangerously in the Covenity 3 - West Ham 2 third minute when, from Hunt's centre Hateley's header drew a line diving cave from Farkes, as described when the confidence but as described with the confidence of the were not so superior as to merit offered them.

when, after 27 minutes, Martin's pass out to Devonshire invited an urgent centre. It came, firm and low, for Bonds to strike an equally positive, powerful lieader that Scaley at first appeared to hold. The power of the header was such that Scaley allowed the ball to pass beneath him and a foot over the line. An astute kinesman con-firmed the goal.

Sealey had no sooner turned to-his natural colour than he made:

another disastrous error to ruin an outstanding defensive covering operation by Thompson who had the initiative to follow Devonshire when he began a movement in the middle of the field.

middle of the field.

Devonshire found Pike and his long pass ahead was regained by Devonshire but Thompson was with him and as they went into the penalty area, the Coventry man had possession and played the ball back towards Sealey who contrived to allow it to pass in front of him to finish in the net.

No amount of Coventry attacking in the last 10 minutes of the first half, and the early part of the second, compensated for those mistakes. To add to Sealey's unhappiness his counterpart, Parkes, had an inspired game, twice saving in breathtaking style from Bodak's shot and Thompson's dipping header. dipping header.

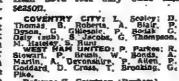
The picture changed in an txciting four-minute snatch of intense Coventry attacks which, hitherto, West Ham had withstood, chanks in large measure to Brooking's willingness to play defensively. There was nothing to be done however when after 72 minutes, Blair sent Thompson dashing in a straight line towards Parkes who correctly went just as directly towards h im, Almost at the point of resistance Thompson slipped the beli past him. The picture changed in



Thompson: lead part in dramatic match.

For West Ham there could still have bein satisfaction had Coventry, not continued to drive onwards in a remarkable final effort and, with virtually the last kick of this thrilling game, Thompson more than made up for his cartier error. Receiving the ball from Hunt 28 yards out he had deceive Martin with a deft dummy before

Four m inutes later, Coventry's hurling a ferocious shot beyond despair was forgotten. Thomas Parkes's extended reach for a goal thumped the ball into the penalty that could yet take Coventry to area from the right side. Parkes the final. Before that, though, parried and Daly was there to there is the return on February loar Upton Park where West For West Ham there could still the parties of the penalty once this



Peter Keeling, former athlete on the track of a new career north of the Arctic Circle

# Journalist finding he can manage

Football's press boxes have frequently found room for former managers and players. Such names as Danny Blanch-flower, Tony Pawson, Jackie Milburn and Hower, I'my rawson, Jackie Milburn and Jimmy Armfield do not in any way exhaust the list of footballers who have made the transition without the need for a ghost at their elbow. Movement in the opposite direction is less common. The trail to the manager's office at Highbury. established in the 1930s by George Allison has not been besten smooth by his suc-

Next month, Peter Keeling will take the Next month, Peter Keeling will take the first modest steps along a similar path. Keeling, a former international middle-distance runner, leaves behind a thriving news agency in Lancashire, a wife and four children, to manage a football club 250 miles north of the Arctic Circle. His contract with Tromso, newly promoted to Norway's second division, is for twelve months.

Norway's second division, is for twelve months.

An element of gamble and a dash of fantasy-fulfilment cannot be denied but there is enough in Pater Keeling's background to suggest that the odds against success are not as long as they might appear at first glance. I wenty years ago, with two children, a mortgage and no money in the bank, he gave up a position as a staff journalist and turned freelance to further his career as an athlete. Achievements then fortify his ambitions now.

As a schoolboy Peter Keeling stood on As a scrossory Peter Reeing stood on the terraces at Bramell Lane, developing a passion for football in general and Sheffield United in particular. His natural talents, though, took him into athletics, which occupied most of his leisure time after he joined the Sheffield Telegraph at the age of seventeen. It was six years before a strike gave him the chance to fore a strike gave him the chance to discover the benefits of generous training.

discover the benefits of generous training periods. In eight weeks Keeling reduced his personal best of 4 minutes 24 seconds for the mile by twenty seconds.

That performance, in the Emsley Carr Mile at the White City, earned him his first international vest. Between 1959 and 1965 Peter Keeling was a regular member of British teams in all parts of the world. He reached second place in the European rankings behind Alan Simpson, whom he was coaching. By that time he had left Sheffield to find better competition in Manchester. A year with the Manchester Manchester. A year with the Manchester Evening News was followed by the decision to freelance so that journalism could be dovetailed with thrice-daily training



Peter Keeling: six years an athletics international before football took over.

Football resurfaced as a major en-thusiasm when Keeling's athletics career ended in 1966. The opportunity to combine the two came with an invitation from Tony Waddington, then manager of Stoke City, to supervise his players' conditioning and fitness training. When Alan Ball senior left Stoke to manage first Halifat Town and then Preston North End, Receling undertook similar duties at those clubs. He stoke cooking courses and passed the He took coaching courses and passed the examination that entitled him to the first FA coaching badge.

FA coaching badge.

A friendship which began when Keeling was a frequent comperitor at the White City opened another door. It was his custom to call at Craven Cortage for a massage and there he found common interests with Bobby Robson, who was a Fulham player and a keen follower of athletics. The two men linked up again three years ago when Robson, now manager of Ipswich Town, asked Keeling to help supervise pre-season training at Portman Road, to scout in the north west and to provide assessments of teams and players. players.

Encouraged by his accumulating experience, Keeling began to apply for managerial posts in the Football League. Often there was no reply Sometimes he received a duplicated rejection note. The only sign of progress was an occasional personal letter from a chairman wishing him well but regretting that lack of professional experience, etc, lot to have played professionally meant exclusion played professionally meant exclusion from a club as tightly-knit as any old boy

Norway proved less narrow in its re-

unknown there. Visits to Scandinavia gave him a number of contacts. He writes a weekly column about English football which is syndicated in thirty-five Norwegian newspapers. His links with Ipswich provided an authoritative reference. Just efore Christmas, an offer arrived from

Tromsö. Keeling has met his part-time players but not seen them in action. Twenty-four hours of darkness daily and six feet of snow denied him that. But the facilities impressed him. A pitch with under-soil hearing and a sports hall which he says matches anything at Everton or Man-chester United were evidence of a clab

determined to make an impression. The season ahead, though, presents no soft options if Tromsö are to bridge the acknowledged gulf between second and third division football. The northern section of the second division comprises only twelve clubs. The champions are premoted. The runners-up take part in a play-off for a second chance to go up. The bottom three clubs are relegated. In a season that lasts, with a three-week break, from late April to the beginning of October, meaningless matches are virtually junknown.

So what approach does a freelance journalist bring to the task? "A broad outlook?, Keeling says. "So much of the job is man-management. Professional footballers leave school in this country at six-teen, join an organization that cossets them and ferries them around, and many of them reach thirty-one or two without knowing what life's about.

"I'm encouraged by the relationship I've built up with the pros I've worked with Remember, I've had to do the toughest part of training—making them. work without the ball. So far, I've always managed to get them on my side. I've had a marvellous response from them all, from internationals downwards."

Peter Keeling has another qualification to add: as manager of an International All-Star team that includes Nobby Stiles, Bobby Charlton Francis Lee and other illustrious names of the recent past. Duration ing the last ten years they have raised some £90,000 for charity. As the long Norwegian nights unfold into endless days we shall see whether all this will be enough to create a permanent vacancy in English

Gerald Sinstadt

#### Shrewsbury cannot make sense of double Dutch

By Stuart Jones by Stuart Jones

Ipswich 3

Shrewsbury 0

Mick Mills may not care to be reminded but history repeated itself at Portman Road last night. "itself at Portman Road last night. Fourteen years ago, on January 28, Ipswich Town put Strewsbury." Town out of the FA Cup by a score of 4—1. Mills was at full back then end as the only survivor new led his side to a more comfortable life by the banks of the River Orwell than they had endured by the banks of the Severn.

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The result was scarcely a surprise. The championship leaders have not lost at home this season, Singlewsbury have not won away. Yet ipswich needed to dust off Saturday's colvebs to ensure a place in the fifth round at home to Charlton Athletic. Their opening was predictable frametic with ing was predictably frenetic, with interchanges that bewildered a Shrewsbury defence that had Ronked so secure at Gay Meadow. Then, I pswich's strikers had been held as though in a locked room. Now within 10 minutes openings appeared for all three.

Openings appeared for all three.

Wardle saved from Gates and a subdued Mariner, but Brazil, faced with the clearest opportunity, could only head wide. But Shrewsbury's margin of safety was ever-decreasing and McCall, after an intricate exchange on the edge of the area, bruised the left-hand post.

The Duchman made the difference the in the first meeting their

ence. In the first meeting their contribution had been almost negligible, but here they had at least one foot, and usually three or four, in Ipswich's preparations. Mills and McCall, in for the

injured Burley, pushed up from their deep defeasive positions to give them a wide base from which to work.

It was Thijssen who unlocked the door that had been shut for almost two hours. As he doodled on the right in familiar fashion, instead of the expected high and long cross, he fired low towards the near post. Gates met it first time, Wardle allowed it to slip through his grasp and it rolled into the net with Wark as an usher. Wark, though, had to be on his own line minutes later to stramble clear.

The second, five minutes after the interval, was English as a whole but with a trace of Scottish in it. Mariner's superb header found Wark, whose attempt rebounded to Gates. Wardle this time was beyond reproach, so

time was beyond reproach, so fiercely did Gates strike it and so precise was his aim.

Dungworth, the former Aldershot striker, was finally suminosed from the bacet with 20 moned from the bench with 20 minutes left. At the same time O'Callaghan stepped on as both No 10s went off. Before he had touched the bell, O'Callaghad, was fouled by King and Ipswich made Shrewsbury's captain pay for it with the third. Muhren played the free kick short to Gates, who turned swiftly and crossed for Wark to head home.

IPSWICH TOWN: P. Cooper: M. Milis. E. McCall, F. Thilssen, R. O'Callaghani, E. Gates, Ward Cambre, J. Wark, A. Muhren, P. Mariner, A. Bradi tsub, R. O'Callaghani, E. Gates, Ward, S. HREWSBURY TOWN: R. Ward, C. Contant, O. Turner, C. Griffin, J. Key, D. Tong, I. Arkitos, E. Bidgues (sub. J. Dung-worth), S. Cross.

#### Parkin settles matters in the final minutes

A mundane FA Cup fourth round replay at Molineux last night flared into life during the last thirteen minutes. After Watford had cancelled our Wolver-hampton Wanderers' penalty goal, a last minute shot by Derek Parkip was deflected in by Berry, leaving Sherwood unable to change direction.

It was a rare goal for Parkin in his first full appearance since October and, while Wolves move on to a home the against Wrenham in the fifth round, Watford may consider themselves unfortunate. The fault, though, lay in themselves rather than the stars, forthey had more than enough opportunities to have settled the game before half-time. before half-time.

Watford, perhaps fortunate to survive in the first game, had obviously decided that a positive attitude would serve them well and Jenkins; put away by Train, wasted an eary opportunity. Wanderers' defence was far from safe and, when Berry sold his goalkeeper hopelessly short with a pass back. it was fortunate for them that Armstrong was forced to go too wide to be able to shoot effectively.

After Rostron had been cautioned for tripping Daniel, without whose thrusting urgency Wolves would have been extremely toothless, Richards moved smoothly past Jackett and pulled his centre back across the face of the goal. The ball slipped-through to Gray, back in action after knee ligament trouble, but

By Gerald Richmond

Wolverhampton 2

Watford 1

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struck Jackett on the hand,
Jackett's guilty start did not
persuade the referee that it was
an intentional offence, but, afterBlissett and Armstrong had
caused problems to Bradshaw, MrGrey was in no doubt that Sims
had fouled Gray as he challenged
for Palmer's cross. That, at least,
was black-and-white and Gray
must have felt that he had been
run over by a steamroller. After
he had hauled himself to his feet,
Richards hit in a firm, low shot.

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Poskett replaced Rostron and, within three minutes of his appearance, turned smartly when Rice's centre dropped kindly for him and equalized. With less than eight minutes to go, extra time seemed inevitable but, following a received the ball came out to Parkin. His shot was firmly bit, but the change of direction was crucial. There was no time for Watford to recover again and al



#### Rugby Union .

## A match to bring back some stirring memories

Ministers will

The Irish Covernment will not be represented at next week's international in Dublin between Ireland and France. It is understood ministers have been instructed not to attend the match on February 7—the opening home fixture of the Irish interpational season—in protest against the decision of the Irish Rugby Football Union to go ahend with a planned tour to South Africa later this year. planned to

this year.

The Irish Government has stressed its opposition to the trip because of South Africa's apartheid policy. The Irish President, Patrick Hillery, has made it clear he will boycon the French game. Despite repeated assertions by Government ministers of their hostile attitude towards the tour, the Irish Rugby Union has insisted the South African visit should go on. Brian Lenihan, the Foreign Minister and one of the most outspoken critics of the tour, is to be questioned in the Dail about the clash of opinions.

The Irish And-Apartheid Move-The Irish And-Apartheid Movement has promised there will be no demonstrations on the day of the French match. The movement's chairman, Kadar Asmal, said today: "We have no grievance with rugby supporters."

By Richard Streeton

The Universidies' Athletic Union rophy championship will be reduced to the semi-final round after roday's programme. What in one sense was an unfortunate draw put all the strongest reams, a sense was an unfortunate winces and Ciris' Collins, with Welsh with the wincers this afternoon between Exercer and Loughborough playing either Swansea or the University of Wales Institute of Science and Technology. In the bottom half hollogy. In the bottom half Noringham are ar home to Durham and Bristol face Man-relation for the past two years, and an ember of Last year's it and the final takes place at Twickenham on March 4.

The Szetier-Loughborough clash invikes memories of those string: maches nor so long ago between the physical training teacher colleges from those places, Loughborough, who still pin their faith is bettern in the UAU championship for four years until losing to UWIST 39.—6 in the semi-finalist and in the Challenge round.

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university. Ellison, the No 8 has played for Yorkshire, and three other forwards have senior club experience.
Bristol have twice lost to Man-Bristoi have twice lost to Manchester at this stage in the past 20 years and are hoping their luck will change this time. They came through the south-west group despite defeats from Exeter sud Reading and went on to beat University College, London. 20—10 in the challenge round. Their most prominent player is John Carr, who has been in Gloucestershirs's centre this season.

Manchester, who last won the

centre this season.

Manchester, who last won the title in 1949, have their best team for several seasons and beaf Warwick 32—15 in the challenge round. They are led by Nick Bennett, a blindside fiznker and UAU representative, and also in their pack are a Nigerian, Francis Emeruwe, who is only 18, stands 6st 2in and a No 8 of great promise, and another youngster Nicholas. Wheeler, a 171 stone tighthead prop, whose scruming-ing technique has already been utilized by the Manchester cinh. utilized by the Manchester club. The university wings are Keith Hughes, who plays for Sale, and Adrian Lenry, who is Hudders, field's top try scorer; Phil Parker, the scrum-half, has played for Pontynool.

#### boycott S. WATFORD I S. Sherwood, P. Rice Harrisda, L. Taylor, S. Shus, R. Jackett, R. Jeukins, L. Elimedt, G. Armstrong, R. Train, W. Rostron (sub-M. Packett) By Gordon Allan . opening match Referee : A. W. Gray (Great Referee: C. Downey (Hounslow).

#### Luton battle in Commons

Luton Town promised a legal bartle against British Rail and Bedfordshire County Council yesterday evening to try to save their ground at Kenliworth Road, their ground at Kensiworus their home since 1905, The county build a new main council want to build a new main road between Luton and Dun-stattle. They want land which is used for a railway line carrying freight but no passenger trains.

The railway line runs just out-side Lutin Town's property but they are faced with a compulsory they are faced with a compulsory purchase order because British Zail want to move the line.

John Carlisle, the MP for Luton West, struck the first blow for the club in the House of Commons yesterday when he blocked the first stage of a private Bill, promoted by British Rail, which would enable the compulsory purchase order to go through. Luton say they would lose their board room; two social clubs, a car park and a community floodlit play area.

## Cannon gives his support as Gradi makes changes

Jim Cannon, the Crystal Palace captain, urged his teammates to back the new manager Dario Gradi, vesterday in the flight for first division survival. Mr Gradi watched his first training session at Palace vesterday, 18 hours after taking over from Malcolm Allison.

On the coaching side, Mr Gradi has moved swiftly. Our go reserve aides, Len Julians and Phil The Wimbledon board also Holder. Ernie Walley and Ken accepted the resignations of Bertile Shellito bave been retained and Coleman, Jimmy Rose and Richard

has moved swiftly. Our go reserve aides, Len Julians and Phil Holder. Ernie Walley and Ken Shellito bave been retained and Bristol City's Mike Kelly becomes assistant manager.

Mr Gradi expects to see his unhappy players before the weekend and those insisting on leaving will

It appears Mr Allison was dis-missed by Crystal Palace's new chairman, Ron Noades, because

Coleman, Jimmy Rose and Richard Faulkner, who are to join Mr Noades on the Palace board. Wimbledon's new chairman is Wimbledon's new chairman is 43-year-old sales executive. Joe McElligort. The board confirmed previous decisions by Mr Noades, that Crystal Palace and Wimbledon would share Selhurst Park for their first team games from next season, providing they receive League permission. Hales banned but back in time

Nicky Reid, of Manchester City, was banned for two games by an FA disciplinary commission in London yesterday—but will be available for the League Cup semi-final round, second leg against Liverpool at Antield on February 10. Even so, Reid, who reached the 20 points limit after his sending off against Middlesbrough 10 days ago, said: "Tm very disappointed at the outcome, it is the first time Pve been on 20 points." Orient's Nigel Gray was also banned for two matches. He had the dubious distinction of being one of the last players to be shown a red card in a League game.

game.

Derek Hales, of Chariton Athletic, received a two-match ban and misses the matches against Plymouth Argyle and Chester as Chariton attempt to stay top of the third division. But he will be available for the fifth round FA cur etc at Inswich.

## St Bartholomew's turn the screw

St Bart's 27. Royal Free 3
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semi-final round of the Hospitals
Cup competition when they best
Royal Free by a goal, three
penalty goals and three tries to a
penalty goal at Dog Kennel Hill,
Dulwich, yesterday. They will
play either the holders, St. Mary's,
or King's College, at Richmond on
February 18.

Royal Free never had a chance. Their forwards were under too much pressure. St Bartholomew's big pack (St Bartholomew's packs always seem to be bigger than anyone else's in this competition) rolled, them back yards at the set rolled, them back yards at the set scrummages, won many of the lideouts and controlled the rucks. Royal, Free sensibly tried, to keep the ball away from the forwards and move it around but their opportunities for this were strictly limited. They showed one or two nice touches in midfield in the first and last quarters of the match; in herween, the nice match; in between, the nice touches were all on the other side. St Bartholomew's scored 21 points in the second half. That illustrates what happened in the first, which they used for the softening-up process: Renfrew kicked a penalty for Royal Free early on. Keeling equalized with another, and just before half-time,

St Batholomew's gained the psy-thological advantage of the lead when the Royal Free centres fell offside in front of their own posts and Appleby made them pay for it. The forwards came to blows once in this balf, and the referee felt obliged to speak to the captains, Thomas and Jackson. Bar the last 10 minutes, St

Bartholomew's spent the second half going forward on a broad front. Royal Free could do little but tackle and go on tackling. Middleton went over in the corner for the first by after an orthodox passing movement and Appleby kicked another penalty, again in front of the posts. Royal Free gave away too many penalties. The pressure on them made it incitable.

evitable.
Fitzpatrick dropped over for a fity when Royal Free were slow to react at a lineout; Goodfellow drove in at the corner and, near the end, Briggs scored between the posts after Adamson and Thomas, among others, had broken out of one of St Bartholomew's rare periods of defence. Keeling

Royal Free deserved a try for their efforts, and Renfrew, Havard (with the best break of the match) and Evans were each in turn not far away in the last

slackened off, but not to the In the other cup match yester

day, Westminster, last year's runners-up, struggled to beat Uni-versity College 4—0 at Honor Oak Park. Gak Park.

ET BARTHOLOMEW'S: J. Appleby:
A. Anamson, R. Evans. P. Keeling.
S. Middleton; M. Thomas, D. Rajbi.
B. Japper, D. Thompson, J. Beroon.
M. Bench, J. Goodfellow, T. Briggs.
A. Fitchartick, A. Dun.
ROYAL FREE: W. Ribbens: C. Ronfrew, J. Jackson, J. Evans. B. Martin;
J. Havard, R. Wood-Esker; N. Peyris,
T. Wistow, P. Tattersaß, T. O'Kelly,
A. Doble: J. Watkinson, J. Morris, O.
Chan.

Referee: A. Titheridge (London). Referve: A. Titheridge (London).

A lock, Carter, who has won a long battle against injury, will play his first full game of the season for Wasps when they meet Bridgend for the first time at the Brewery Field on Saturday. After defeat in the John Player Cup, against London Scottish—when Carter was a replacement—Wasps drop two of their younger forwards for the trip to Wales. Carter comes in for Harrison and the drop, Huntsman, gives way to Isichmi.

Harlequins expect to have their All Blacks stand-off, Allen, recovered from a line injury in time for their merit table match asginst Scottish, the table leaders, at Richmond. He will partner Dyson, who replaces Gilmer, another New Zealander.

Cycling

## Russians too good, so Britain bans them

farther than to Maurice Cumber-

By Michael Coleman

A 'Russian application to enter a team for the Sealink international cycle face in April has been rejected, because they would pedal off with all the prizes. Running away from the Russians, which is what the Sealink ban which is what the Scalink ban amounts to, is defeated and un-fitting for a country that is due to stage the world championships John Burns. Sealink's race direc-

tor, let it be known last August that he did not wont a Soviet team in this year's race (April 13 to 19 from Le Touquet, France, to Manchester) explorning that they were too tough. He pointed to their domination of the MIIk Race.

Despite thus, the Russians have applied to ride but been rejected, The reply cable from the British Cycling Federation's offices saying there were no places left, but Mr Burns insisting that the Russians would ruin the Sealink race as a spectacle—"the only spectacle the Russians provided in the Milk Ruce was a red-shirted phalaxx at the front every day". Furthermore, their presence would be unfair to the "less fortunate amateurs" without comparable State support.

Which begs the question: what is the Sealink race? For the canswer, there is no need to turn

farther than to Maurice Cumber-worth, the race organizer, who explained why each of its five stages includes a tough climb; "The 1981 Sealink will call for speed, tenacity and all-round bike handling. The man who wins will be one of the best amateur cyclists in the world—he'll have to be." But not good enough to ride against the Russians, it seems. against the Russians, it seems.
Jim Hendry, the national director of racing, regards this short, sharp early-season race as admirable preparation for the eliteriders he has been carefully grooming for the fortnight-long. "Peace" and "Milk" races later in the year and ultimately for the coming world titles and. for the coming world titles and, more importantly, those of next year. There is not a plethora of races on British roads stage races on British roads.

In all these coming events, the
Russians must be met head-on,

de l'Avenir proved that the Soviet riders are not superbuman and it does our own talented men no favour to assume they are. It is an attitude smacking from the backwater of road racing that Britain used to be. It so happens that the East Germans are riding Sealink this time—quite a scoop for Mr Burns, for it is a long time since they were here—and their presence alone would have muted the

Colombians in last year's Tour

Soviet ouslaught, leaving openings for the lesser lights.

The objection to the "professional" Russians bardly stands examination since the margin between the paid rider and the full-time amateur is now barely visible. It is doubtful if any of the French, Belgian or Dutch riders in last year's Sealink race could honestly be described as described as amateur. Michel Larpe, the top Frenhman, for instance, was so well off that it must have broken his heart to must have broken his heart to turn pro after the Olympics. It is no secret that top amateurs these days cannot afford to work. the race calendar is so full. There is no shortage of equipment transport, clothing or even cash for a wented man prepared to exchange the sunny south for Grimesthorpe. That is common Refusing the Russians at time when the sport here is gradually getting off its knees is just putting inders back in a cocoon and the sort of arctitude that has driven so many up-and-coming madmen abroad, from Brian Robinson guvards.

Indeed, no fewer than 17 of

the men on, or candidates for Mr

Hendry's short list will be leaving these shores within the next two

weeks in order to live and race on the Continent for the rest of

the season against the best.

Yesterday's results FA Cup, fourth round replays spewish (1) 3 Shrwsbury (0) (27, 153 Wars Winners home to Charlton
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Fulliam changes Fulham's postpoued third divi-sion match against Chester has been re-arranged for Craven Cot-tage on March 24 and the game at Holl, postpoued because of FA Cup commissments, will now be on April 7. Squash rackets

#### Briars's form provides compensation By Rex Bellamy.

As the seedings predicted, Cawain Briars with play Ross Norman in the semi-final round of the British under-23 championship at Wembley toporrow evening (today is a rest day). In the other match the top seed, Jahangir Khan, will be opposed by his acrobatic elder cousin, Zahir Husain Khan, who heat the fourth and kith seeds in consecutive rounds. Sixth seeds in consecutive rounds.

The impressively sharp form of Briars was compensation for the fact that Stephen Bateman and Ashley Navior, two of his stablemates at Walton Hall, near Wake-field, were among the losers. Except for a few errors in the first game and a brief loss of momentum in the second. Briars was ton severe for Trevor Wil-kinson, aged 20. Wilklason plays a near, sensibly-

Squash Rackets Correspondent

Wilklason plays a neat, sensiblydesigned game but does not yet
have the shots to cause lasting
concern to a player of Briars's
class. Briars, 6ft 4in tall, had the
reach and anticipation to deal with
most of Wilkinson's challenges
and, for his own part, repeatedly
scored with volleyed nicks and
otherwise kept the ball low and
class to the walls.

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In spite of his secding, Eareman's defeat was no surprise. Husain coaches in Munich and was ill-prepared for serious competition when he arrived in England.

But in coming back from two games down to beat Ricki Hill he had gained confidence and assumed a formidable stature that those aware of his mlent had always expected. Bateman played well. He had the more punishing altots but repeatedly, was denied profit from even the best of them. Husain burtled about the court the way bats supposedly emerge from hell. Even when caught on the wrong foot he somehow man-the wrong foot he somehow man-aged to keep railies going with lunging girations that often took place in corners and threatened to leave him both knotted and concussed, lastead he used the walls as alds to instant recoil, the way boxers and wrestlers use ropes. The result of all this was that Bateman often had to play one more shot than he could safely manage. Husain's narging renactly

and consistent ball control squezzed out of him the errors or loose shots sired by frustration. Bateman often cut his margin for error to nothing. At the end of the first game,

At the end of the first game, and for most of the second, Navlor looked as good a shot-maker as the supple, light-footed Norman. Other than that, the more experienced Norman showed slightly more initiative and skill in finishing the rallies. In the second game Norman saved a game ball with much finesse; whereupon Naylor swiftly lost the

game with a brief flood of pur-poseless shots that suggested his mind had gone into neutral. Reggie Holmes, who is studying industrial psychology at Pretoria University, thought be had taken time off to play squash. That was the idea anyway. But the psycho-logical effect of his uselessly industrious efforts against Jahangir must have been educational. Holmes had nothing easy to hit except when returning service. The pressure never relaxed. Jahangir kept the ball low and made it hug the walls. Fast reactions and good wristwork enabled him to vary the race and pattern of the railies at vill. His drops were mostly the short clingers that hurt an opponents' stomach. The effect of his masking stomach. The effect of his masking was equally damaging. Proof Holmes never had a charge. Results: Quarter-fina round. Shangir Khan Pakistan best R Holmes (SA: 9-1, 2-0, 2-4; Zahif Husain Khan Pakistan best S. Bahif Husain (GB) 10-8, 9-3; G. Briars (GB) best T. Wilkinson (Zimbahwe) 2-7, 10-8, 9-2

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## Shortage of competitive play is a cause for English concern

ricket Correspondent ort of Spain, Jan 27 Encouraged by having beaten the President's XI at Pointea-Pierre yesterday, the England Cricketers move on later today to St. Vincent, where on Friday, weakest of the territorial sides, on one of the Caribbean's love-liest grounds. Tomorrow week, also in St Vincent, comes the first the two on-eday internationals. Neither the Windwards, nor rinidad, who will provide the possition in the second of the wo first-class matches left before two first-class matches left before the first Test, have any fast bowl-ing to speak of, which is a pity. Except for Holding, who plays for Jamaica, Croft of Guyana, and Roberts, who is a Leeward islander, the fast men are con-centrated in Barbados, where they are more abundant than they have ever been. Two or three of the Barbadian club sides might, in fact, make a stronger test for act, make a stronger test for England than Windward Islands. England than Windward Islands.

The first victory of the tour was probably more gratifying than significant. Gower. Boycott and Gatting should benefit from having some runs under their belt. It was no coincidence, perhaps, that the batsman who had the hardest struggle was Rose, the only member of the party never to have played some for hefore. For hi mmore than anyone else the shortages of ompetitive play before the Tests, in which to find form and establish a claim, must be worrying.

If Butcher's reception yesterday

e claim, must be worrying.

If Butcher's reception vesterday evening, upon being awarded the fielding prize, is anything to go by, the idea that as a West Indian he will be branded for having opted to play for England

Prom Dilip Rao Adelaide, Jan 27 Only the last two Indian wickets stood between Australia and a victory in the second Test, which

rictory in the second Test, willen would have given them a winning lead in the three-Test series. Australia, who had given themselves a shade under 41 hours to bowl India out on a slow pitch, were frustrated by the numb-wicket pair of Karsan Gbayri and Shivial Yadar.

Shivial Yadav.

They had come together half-way through the tenth over of the 20 that had to be bowled in the last hour and they accomplished their nerve-racking rusk with little bother. India would not have been so pressed to survive had some of the earlier batsmen shown as much character and application.

application.

In the morning, Australia, who held an aggregate lead of 274, with six second-innings wickets in hand, could not score as quickly as they would have liked and their declaration had to wait until 35 minutes before lunch, when they had interested the leaves he or manufactured.

creased the leeway by only another

But Australia had not howled more than 10 overs before they had the scent of victory in their noshrils, with the haif-fit Len Pascoe making a great effort and claiming the first three wickets. Taking a rousing slip catch, Chappell collaborated in the dismissal of Gavaskar in his first over. The ball that got Gavaskar was an exceptionally good one but Chauhan. Pascoe's next victim, courted disaster by addressing a more innocent one from a distance.

Snooker

is groundled. There is maturally great iteerst in him out here, as of disse there is in Boycott, with what the crowds and to some extitt the local press have a kind dilove-hate relationship. They live him for his vast stockpile of rus and are amazed by his patiend.

In Barbados hat Autumn, when

by his patient.

In Barbados hat Autumn, when a scratch Englin side—though by no means a bat one—mer some: good club opposition, the most successful Englis bowler was Don Wilson (now head coach at Lord's), who was also the slowest. The theory was that the more time you give a Vest Indian bats-man to make a minake the likelier man to make a militare the likelier he is to make one in other words, that he can play medium pace until the cows code home but is more likely to be baffled by flight and spin. Met Walker, the Australian, and Brice Taylor, of New Zealand, are membered, it is true, for having been notably stocestul out hard at medium pace, but they were both very tall pace. pace, but they were oth very tall and Walker was wonderfully

pace, but they were oun very tan and Walker was wonderfully accurate.

In the match at Ponte Pierre the England spinner were the deciding factor, not sloply because the ball turned, Dillel, Old and Botham all went nicely off the bar, whereas Miller, as soon as he came on, had the batsmen in two minds. It was bowling off breaks, remember, that Greig won the last Test match of the 1973-74 tour. In Emburey, England should have the best spinner on either side and when it comes to choosing the fifth bowler, it right be as shell to go for the additional off breaks of Miller or Willer, both by whom can bat, rather than for someone faster.

On the evidence of one game Botham is still, the bowler he was in England last summer father

Victory is dashed from Australian lips

Viswamth sparkled in the first over after lunch, striking three spectacuar off-side fours off Lillee, but left a chink in his defence against Pascoe and was bowled soon after.

Liliee then contributed to the bavoe by emoving Patil, India's satiour in the first innings. When this fourth blow fell, India's innings was not quite an hour old and another 3! remained to be negotiated. Lesistance was at last forthcoming in the form of a partnership between Vengsarkar and Yashpal Sharma, who is not a player of great accomplishment, but a very resource one.

Sharma was nx embarrassed to stay storeless for 36 minutes and then wait another hour before making his next aggressive gesture. Lilies and Pascoe had done their bit but Hogg, having bowled only three overs, was still fresh. Chappell, however, banked on spin to break down the barrier formed by Vengsarkar and Sharma.

Border, not a results practitioner

Vengsarkar and Sharma.

Border, not a regular practitioner of orthodox left-arm spin, made the breakthrough, dismissing Vengsarkar, who had batted 126 minutes for the top some of 37. Although caught at slip, Vengsarkar waited at the crease and showed dissant at the crease and showed dissant at the bright. If he had not played the ball, the deflection could only have come from the toccap of his boot.

Sharma, who batted to 169 minutes before failing 13-w to Yardley, and Kirmani, a vicim of Chappell's leg-spin, carried the fight well into the last hour, when Ghavri and Yadav took change of India's fate.

that I hope this is wrong, but the great spring he was said to have recovered was not in evidence against the President's XI for him against the President's XI for him though, like everyone else, these are early days. What matters on these pitches for anyone without the sheer speed of some of the West Indians against the best battmen are line, length and perseverance, supplemented by good catching.

These are the things to be drummed into the bowlers before the first Test match starts on Friday, Pebruary 13 and which can be worked at in practice. To me it was a surprising deciden to give yesterday's side the day off today, when fitness I of such importance and every catch taken, even on the Fatima College ground, makes judging the next one slightly less difficult.

An argument that will rage for long is whether Chappell could have caused Australia to miss the hus by not subjecting Ghawi and Yadav to a greater measure of pace, which was used for only two overs during the last hour, the 16th and the very last.

AUSTRALIA: First Innines 528 (K. Rughes 213, G. M. Wood 125).

Second innines
G. M. Wood, c Pauli, b Death ...
J Dyson, 1-b-w b Chard

G. S. Chappell, at Kirman, b

## Conteh joins the old

Colonels' Brigade

Boxing

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent
John Conteh pians to return to
the ring some time at the end of
March to meet Carlos de Leon,
of Feurto Rico, for the new
cruiserweight division world title.
The boar will be put on at Liverpool by Don King, of the United
Stares, and Charlie Atkinson, of
Liverpool, the date depending on
a Umbed States ulevision tie-up.
This will be Conteh's first outing in the last file division into
which he moved after his last ring
appearance at Liverpool in May. This will be Counch's first outing in the 13st 3lb division into
which he moved after his last ring
appearance at Liverpool in May.
The division is something of an
Old Colonels' Brigade, but de
Leon can still get about a bit,
being a subfilters in years.
So Counch will have to look lively
and George Francis, his trainer,
thisks that two mooths should be
emough to see him two my there.
Ken Buchanan, who set off on
Monday night to see what the
world he once ruled as a lightweight had to offer him, found
himself on a narrow, visualess
road when he was beaten on points
in a final light-weiterweight ritle
ellminator by Steve Early, of
Covenity, at the Tower Balfroom
in Birmingham.

Even so, the tireless Soot had
decided to soldler on. He would
like a return with Early if the
Midlander lifts Climton McKennie's
ride. The boot was close, scored
118—117 by Harry Gibbs, which
meant that there was only one
round in it, with seven even. I
do not think that Bachanan will
be able to improve on that if the
two meet again. At 35 it is too
lare for the Scot, to learn new
ricks and he would have to produce something different to beat
Early, who except in two rounds
never looked in danger of defeat.
Buchanan's best pitneh Was thrown
in the 8th round when a right
followed through woobled Early
but the Midlander bockled the
Scot's knees more than once.

The Scot was given a louder
ovation than the Midlander bockled
the
Scot's knees more than once.

The Scot was given a louder
ovation than the Midland hero at
the, end of the 12 rounds-because
he refused to Jow to a younger
man in a close bout.

Though taking a severe pounding in the early rounds, he always
remained in touch,

#### Golf Open returns to St Andrews

after six years

The open championship returns to St Andrews, the headquarters of the game, in 1984 after a sixyear interval. Jack Nicklans of America has won the title over the Old Course on the last two occasions it has been played there, in 1970 and 1978.

Final qualifying competitions for the 1984 Open, on July 19-22, will be played at Ladyhank, Leven and Lundin on July 15 and 16 with regional qualifying at six venues the previous Monday.

The 1984 Amateur championship, from June 4-9, is back at Formby where, in 1967, Bob Dickson beat another American Walker Cup international, Ron Centudo, in one of the most memorable finals on

Motor rallying

## Davis meets Mans for first | Mikkola hits bridge and time, and regrets it

By Sydney Friskin

The Masters smooker championship, sponsored by Benson and Hedges, began at the Wembley Conference Centre last evening with a shock result when the favourite, Steve Davis, lost to Perrie Mans, of South Africa, by five frames to three. The left-handed Mans, the winner of this title in 1979, will now meet the world champion Cliff Thorburn in the quarter-final round.

After two years in the doldrums, Mans, who now promotes smooker in South Africa, at last made a breakthrough and said after the match that his victory had given him confidence. He blamed the press for giving Davis too big a build up, adding that it had put too much pressure on him. Mans had arrived in London only on Sunday but had practised assiduously. It was the first time that he had met Davis it a tournament. There is a well-known sporting axism that one can play only as well as one is allowed to. and that is what happened to Davis. Mans won a shrewd tactical battle, mevr permitting Davis the fluency that won him the United Kingdom championship at Preston. The South African played some great shots, particularly from long transe, and when he missed he usually left few openings, often depositing the cue ball far away from the cluster of reds or up against a cushion.

It was a struggling Davis that we saw, let loose from his fetters

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#### Regiments in disarray

By Rey McKelvie

Christopher Braidwaite. a forme holder, duly reached the quarte-final round of the Army champonships at Queen's Club yesseray. He completed a last eight a strong as any the Army has hal for a good many years, containing, among others, Mark Nicholl, the holder, and David Reed-Fdstead, a former holder, who beded four well-fought games before beating Neil Policy.

The singles, however, were overshacked by the inter-regimental soubles championship, an event hat carries a massive trophy, and two matches in pardicular.

Paul Vatts and Davie Panton, an edutationalist, and doctor respectively, recovered from losing the first three games to bear the first Battalion of the Coldstream Gards (Michael Charwin 2d Fred Shorrock) by 8-15, 12-6, 9-15, 15-3, 15-3, 15-1, 15-12. This stirring contest took a dramatic turn as the lossers began to lose concentration and, asphe winners lost their nervousness, things swing their nervousness, things are not never in hand at 12-13 in the final. Here CSM Shorrock, fa better dressedfreshly-laundeed cricket flannels and linear threather than the majority specific to the nervousness and linear threather the nervousness and linear threather the nervousness and linear threather th

# plunges down standings

The Scandinavian driver was able to complete the stage but he plunged down the overall standings to minute place and was nearly eight minutes behind the Fresch crew of Jeau-Luc Therler and Michel Vial in a Porsche, who moved into the lead.

Meanwhile the West German firm's mechanics worked furiously to repair the car's amashed front left wheel and suspension and Mikkola tried to make up time in the road section to the sixth special stage, Fayolle Pass, in the rugged Ardeche region.

le is not the first time that Mikkola has been dealed what appeared to be certain victory at Monte Carlo. He finished fourth in 1973, was runnef-up in 1975 and fifth in 1979 after being con-

For the record BGMEAY: Worden's mater (46 overs); inde, 116 (41) servey; England, 118 for 2 12.4 overs); England won by 3 pickets.

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(J. Massa (Spain): 6-2; 4-1; K.
Johensson (Sweder): beat J. L. Ayala.
4-6; 6-3; 6-2; G. Casa (France)
beat S. Freyss (France): 7-5; 5-5.
(-2: D. Bedett (France): beat R.
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Clert (Argenting): 5. J. Cerutaitis;

10. B. Teacher.

Monte acrio, Jan 27.—The Monte Carlo flux which has often thwarted Hanna Mikkola's hopes of winning the world's most famous raily struck again this morning when he crashed off the road in his works Andi quattro turbo. The Finn, winner of nearly every honouc railying can offer, had dominated the early stages of the event in his four-wheel-drive car.

He arrived in the Principality yenterday after the classification run, holding a huge lead of nearly six minutes. In the early hours of this morning he was still a conflortable four minutes and a half clear of his rivals.

But on the icy 13-mile Roustans Pass road—fifth special stage of the 18-stage common run—Mikkola's car span and slammed into a bridge.

The Scandinavian driver was able to complete the stage but he plunged down the overall standings to ninth place and was nearly eight minutes behind the French was nearly three minutes behind Michel Vial in a Porsche, who

third and fourth positions.

The Opel Ascona of Klaus Sleint was nearly three minutes behind Therier and coming under attack from the works Flat 131 Abarth of Markin Alen, of Finland, and the Lancia Stratos of the 1979 winner of the event, Bernard Darniche.

Leading Placings: 1. J. L. Therier, Ilrance, Porsche, S. Markin 10 see in penalities: 2. J. Rapoord France, Renalit 5 Turbo, st 1.57.

J. G. Freedom of France, Tabot boxes, at 2.31: 4. K. Michal 1969.

Ascona, at 3.31: 5. B. Saby (France), Penalities of Stratos of Stra

# Lord Gulliver travels on to Aintree

By Mithael Seely
Lord Gulliver continued Jenny
Pitman's remarkable run of success when toying with his opponents in the Offerton Handkap
Steeplechase at Nottingham yesterday. Mrs Pliman's fally of 25
victories this season is the highest
by a woman trainer in this
country. And judged by the confident way in which Philip Blacker
rode Lord Gulliver, yesterday's
winner is one to follow in his
immediate engagements: winner is one to tallow in and immediate engagements; Lord Gulliver, Artistic Prince and Sueche Glorod are Mrs Pit-man's times earlies for the Gran-National, the weights for which are published today. All going well is the granting the first two are are published today. All going well in the meantane, the first two are certain runners at Liverpool. Lord' Gulliver was having only his second outing since being fired 13 months ago. "Throught he would win today", the trainer said, "but Lord Gulliver just needed the race and should improve a tit yet. If I had my way he would miss Amnree this year, but his owner Mr Callander's point of view is perfectly understandable. "It's all very well talking about the future but as far as most chasers

future but as fer as most chasers are concerned there is no text year." Considering the hordes of lame horses who are earing their needs off and breaking their owners hearts as well there is a deal of sruth in this remark.

Buche Giorod, on the other hand, would only be timed at the National if this much improved chaser is allotted too much weight in the Topham Trophy at the same meeting. The 10-year-old will be seeklug, his shirt victory will be seeking his sixth victory of the season in the Tote Jackpot Steeplechase at Cheltenham on Saturday.

On the whole the bookmakers

On the whole the bookmakers had the better of thee exchanges, the only outright favourite to succeed being Alan Jarvin's Danhagen, on whom Tommy Carmody rode a sympathetic-race to whith the Carloon Handicap Hurdle. Danhagen showed plemy of ability on the flat in France where he was trained by Aage Paus, but sometimes refused to go throught with his finishing effort.

A course of hurdling has worked wonders with Danhagen who has now won four of his five starts inder winter rules. Either the Panama Cigar Hurdle final at four-year-old at 100-1. Laing is on

Shot, in the dark for punters : Irish Rifle, starting at 20-1, wins the Stop Gap Hurdle.

would now go for the big race There is a feast of racing in store on Saturday, Little Owl and Henry Kissinger are possible starters for the Tare Double Speniers at Cheffenham. The sponsors have made Pongee Boy, their favourite at 5-1 for the William Bill Torkshire Handicap William Hill Yorkshire Handicap at Doncaster where the prospective meeting between Night Nurse, Rathgorman, Beacon Light and Gambing Prince also promises to provide some fireworks. Rathgorman's trainer, Michael Dickinson, said yesterday that Wayward, lad was no tackle those talemed frish movices, Royal Dipper and Mr. Kidd in the West of Scotland Pattern Steeplechase at Ayr.

Waite and the second division of the Moorhen Novices Hurdle with

Wolverhampton programme

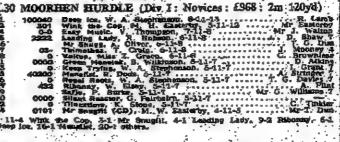
145 BESCOT CHASE (Div I : Novices : £960 : 2m)

215 BESCOT CHASE (Div II: Novices: £960; 2m)

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302 344517 Semihard Roserse (CD, 81, Mrs.) Femana, 7-17-2
305 007718 Byther Ask (CT, J. Johnson, 8-10-9

3.15 HAIG WHISKY HURDLE (Qualifier: Novices: £1,149: 2m)

#### Newcastle programme



20 SWAN CHASE (Handicap : £1,644 : 2m 120yd)

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Why Mr Frank Chapple's attack on the electoral college may yet be vindicated

# The man who really scored at Wembley

Mr Frank Chapple, the fav-ourite bete noire of the Left, made one of the few arriculate and intellectually honest speeches of the day during Labour's special conference at Wembley. He was barracked but his presentation only faltered once, and there the needle tem-

porarily stuck in the groove.

As the protest mounted, the electricians, leader returned three times to his complaint that unless the party leader was elected by the "one man, one vote" system, then the choice would be influenced by Com-munists, Fascists and Conserva-

In the event, his appeal fell on predictably deaf ears because the block votes had already been marshalled in support of an electoral college. The only argument was over who should have the greatest say, and some unions now show every sign of embarrassment at getting more than they really wanted But however the lower

shares are stacked, an issue of principle remains: whose finger on the political trigger? Can the choice of the leader of the Labour Party be Jecisively influenced by trade unionists owing allegiance to another

Insofar as these things con be judged at all, the reaction of conference, delegates to Mr. Chapple appeared to be a riposte to what was seek as a Reds under the bed men-

In fact, the "official " Com-



Mr Chapple: barracked.

now in terms of covert political clout than for many years. The economic recession has robbed the Communist Party of much of its traditional industrial field of play on the shopfloor. But its ability to exert power within the "Broad Left" of the Labour movement has grown apace.

On their own, the Communists can achieve nothing. Nowhere in top union echelons do they enjoy a majority: There are only two party members on the 40-strong TUC general council. There are just four on the 25member executive committee of the National Union of Mineworkers; two sit on the nine-member executive of the train

of Railwaymen. Their numbers on the policy-making national committee of the Amalgamated a substantial role. Union of Engineering Workers has diminished in recent years, and in unions like the General and Municipal Workers' and the electricians their influence

negligible. But although their numbers are small, in the Seventies' climate of Left credibility they achieved much by working through their Labour allies. Mr Michael Costello, the Communist Party industrial organizer, was a keen lobbyist in the bars at last October's conference and defends the unions capture of power. "No new principle affecting the basis of decision-making has been taken", he said. "The unions have always been the decisive force in the

Labour Party-"The Wembley simply: corrects an anomalous position that had become intolerable once the Parliamentary Labour Party ceased to represent the party's policies. Communists, as members of affiliated unions, have always paid the political levy and have thus been open members of the Labour Party in the sense decided by the party's founders and enshrined in the con-

and Firemen (Aslef), and his colleagues, who fear are about half a dozen with some justice that if the There are about half a dozen with some justice that if the on the Transport and General trade union votes in Labour's Workers Union executive and electoral college are to be cast about the same number on the by union executives, then Comexecutive of the National Union munists and their almost undistinguishable allies in Labour Party will indeed play

Of the risk of Pascist influence little needs to be said. The National Front has had a minimal success in infiltrating some union branches particu-larly in the London area among railwaymen and in postal sorting offices. But they are a social problem rather than a political force. But the position of the

Conservatives is much more ambiguous. In the first place, the party's "labour," arm, has been conducting a reasonably successful campaign to persuade Tory voters who belong to unions to opt out of paying the political levy to the Labour Party. The figures speak for themselves. More than 200,000 engineering, workers out of a rotal membership of 1.2 million do not pay the levy. In the 130,000 strong boilermakers society, the figure is 51,000 lin the 349,000-member builders' union, the union of Construcnicians, 149,000 have opted out And in the print union the Society of Graphic and Allied. Trades (Sogat), 155,000 out of 205,000 have taken the same

course.
Trade unionists who opt out

drivers' union, the Associated of the party line will not cut are then barred from raking. Society of Locomorive Engi-much ice with Dr David Owen part in traditional political activity such as electing dele-gates to the Labour Party con-ference to the management committees of focal parties. They are obliged to remain silent when political business is conducted in the branches.

, But in unions where opting out can be an uncomfortable experience (nor to put too fine" a point on it). Tory members who continue to pay the levy urge support for moderate leaders such as Mr Terry Duffy of the engineering workers. Where the candidates are not so well known things are more difficult, as wirnessed when Mr James Prior, then Shadow Em-ployment Minister, voted at a meeting of his white-collar union, Apex for a candidate who did not seem to be getting much support and wasn't on a "slate." The man turned out to be a

The general idea of the Conservative trade unionists is to.
encourage a shift away from
class warfare and the policies
of confrontation with Tory governments. It is admittedly a

fixed views do not permette very and their allies. So when the far up the power structure of decibels have died down, Mr the unions, their influence may Chapple will be seen to be be felt if union leaders canvass right. their members, feelings before casting their electoral college-votes for Labour's leader.

The practical implications of these two alternatives-power exercised by Communist-influenced union leaders or by Toryvoting rank and file membersis nearly summed up by Mr John Bowis, until recently head of social affairs at Conservative indeed got itself into a position where non-Labour, supporters will have an influential say in the election of the Labour leader whichever system of electoral college voting they adopt."

"Either the votes will be determined by caucus meetings at the top of the unious, and people like Mr Mick McGahey trhe miners Communist vice-president) and Mr Ken Gill (Communist general secretary of the engineering white-collar amion TASS) will have a crucial say in their respective unions. Or, by ballotting the union membership in some way, they will bring into the process people who support other parties but nevertheless still

pay the political levy?

In 'practice,' unions' are dikely to behave as they have always behaved. Those with a tradition of consulting the memgovernments it is admittedly a always behaved. Those, with a Jong-term strategy and it does not offer much by way of Tory influence on the inner workings of the Labour Party.

Millions, of trade unionists who vote Tory or Liberal. Those with a difference of the inner workings who vote Tory or Liberal. Those with a lawys behaved. Those with a lawys behaved. Those, with a lawys behaved. Those will be a lawys behaved. The lawys behaved will be a lawys behaved. The lawys beha

bonds of a traditional concep-tion of painting but took up, by

this affront, a position of resist-ance within the context of art.".

Now you can disagree with any or all of these judgments

of mine; they are as subjective as anybody else's. But what in the name of Giotto is new about any of this? More to the point, where is the spirit? What

spirit is suggested by Dieter Hacker's picture of what seems to be one gentleman about to set fire to the bair of another? Or of Howard Hodgkin's mainly

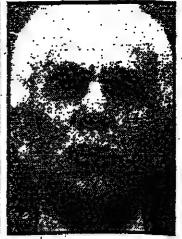
discerned what look like the ends of sawn firewood-logs, which is entitled The Green Chateau? Or of Jean Helion's

pleasant and colourful triviali-

"There is one thing", mur-

Paul Routledge Labour Editor





The late President Boumedienne-Utopian hope; and President

# Algeria gains from facing up to reality

Two great clinched fists ripping with its rapidly expanding apart the fail chain which has sought to slackle them symbol-diversify. sought to stackle them symbolize Algeril. The hands are carved on to the face of the bulky sandstone monument which rise impressively out of the care of the bulky sandstone monument which rises impressively out of the care of the care of the bulky sandstone the care of the gardels running down the centre of the Boulevard Khemisti in the heart of modeyn Algiers.

They epitomize to Algerians the burn-or rebirth-of their nation and inspire their countries. nation and inspire their country's feregn policy which has frequently brought Western incomprehension and even derision in the past. It is a foreign policy which today has the very reliable to the policy which today has the very reliable to the property of the gredity of of the gr solid achievement to its credit of having enabled the release of the American hostages held

was Algerian understandings of how the hostages must have yearned for freedom and Algerian understanding of the motivation behind the Islamic recipition in Iran which made the country possibly the only fitted to act as intermediary between two dismetrically

opmosed nations.

The eight-year-leng bloody war of independence—which the average Freichmen still remembers as a series atrocities — was for the Algerians an heroic struggle against a bated foreign

invader, Since independence in 1962. Algeria has not been short of problems, particularly economic ones, but there is little or no nostalgia among the people for the days of the colonial past. Rather there is an ongoing pride and joy in being independent.
The result of that is that

from the earliest days of nationhood Algeria made it a nationhood Algeria made it a bouring Tunisis and Morocco, policy to give uncompromising Indeed the threat of open war support to all liberation movements. It was a support which cost the new nation dearly in esteem, especially when so much Western opinion was still shocked by the violence which had surrounded independence. Algeria's reputation as a sup-porter of dissidents made it the

nevitable and tayourite eirport desunation for many hijackers. The reputation became somewhat grotesque, perhaps, as Algeria more and more spoke out for some of the more outlandish independence move-Since these independence movements tended to be largely

gainst what the Algerians idennified as "western colonial imperialism" a growing interest in the country developed in the Soviet block, which began to woo the regime of President Boumedienne. The wooing has gone on and has been largely with guos and other weaponry. At the same time trade with the Soviet block remained, and still remains, at only a tiny level. The main trading partner of Algeria was the United States, with the EEC countries jointly running a good second. Despite its professed socialist tendencies, Algeria has always known where it can best get the capital it needs to achieve the economic independence it is still

trying to achieve. As yet, Algeria is not really independent. It has an external debt estimated at some \$20,000m, against which its only real developed asset is its large natural gas and its small oil reserves. Between them they contribute 95 per cent of all Marcel Berlins Algerian earnings from the world. If the country is to develop fast enough to keep up

This is why, since 1973, Afgeria has taken the lead in pressure from the Third World countries to set up what it terms. "a new international order" to change the relation. ship between the poor and the rich nations.

To President Boumedienne this "new order" was an attainable Utopia. Since bis death two years ago a new death two years ago a new spirit of realism has crept in. President Chadli still champions the cause of the "new order" but pending its establishment he has given clear indications that Algeria is prepared to make concessions to the existing order.

Relations with the United States have been steadily improved—not least because renegotiations of the contract for selling gas to the United States are dragging on. Late last year the United States frigate Edward Macdonnel paid a goodwill visit to Oran and was given a splendid welcome. Prompt and generous American sid following the El Asnam earthquake have been much appreciated by the whole popu-

The Queen's visit to the country last year was also a great success, and her visit to the earthquake area won wide praise. The climate is right for a British trade initiative.

This is even more the case because French influence is tangibly receding, albeit very slowly.

At the same time, President Chadli has shown himself amenable to overtures from France for a more friendly relationship, as he has to neighwith Morocco over the Western Sabara which was always present in the days of Boumedienne, has receded. There are signs, too, that the Soviet block is less welcome than it used to be. Behind this

lies the selfsame spirit of inde-pendence, which dominates the Dational cnaracter. Algeria has made its displessure about the invasion of Afghanistan known to the Soviet powers. In this it has remained true to its vocation of champion of liberation causes, which has meant that Alziers has so often in the past been the chosen meeting place for settling disputes. It must be one of the only cities in the world with both a boulevard Che Guevara and an Avenue Frank-

lin Roosevelt. The huge, modern El-Aurassi Hotel, which dominates part of the city's skyline, has seen peace signed between Portuguese and Angolan rebels, be-tween the Polisario and Maure-Iraq. The country had a tradi-tion of acting as host to settlements for some time before the hostages were taken prisoner. Some officials talk optimistically now of being able to mediate in the present war between

Iran and Irag. tions have done, however, is make the world at large believe in Algeria's ability to referee." We did this for humanitaran reasons," an official explained after the hostage agreement was read out in the Aurassi. "All we want in return is a little respect."

Tan Murray

#### Bernard Levin

# Mammoth footprints seen in Piccadilly

I don't know when, or indeed whether, I have had a more depressing experience in an art gallery than that provided by the exhibition at the Royal Academy, A New Spirit in Painting. The title seems to me the most stupendous misnomer since the term "People's Democracies" was coined; the spirit visible on the Academy's walls is about as new as Queen Anne, the Woolly Mammoth or the political thinking of Mr Michael Foot. Hundreds and hundreds of square feet are de-voted to work which is not only not new but which represents the exhausted fag-end of a tradition which was born dead and has been getting deader ever since; it is not too much to say that if you really want to know why most of the population would never dream of entering an art gallery you will find the answer roughly half-way along Piccadilly on the northern side. There are exceptions, of

course. The three Hockneys are full of light and colour, though they are below his best; a huge Matta, Trans-aparence du Verbe, throbs with lifeenergy; R. B. Kitaj, in The Orientalist, reminds us that one of the most important functions humanity in humanity; Lucien Freud, though he certainly doesn't do that, offers a portrait, The Big Man, of outstanding vigour (and, incidentally, draughtsmanship); there are four Picassos which, though they are sub-standard ones and anyway look as though they have wandered into the place by mistake, effortlessly demon-strate the difference between ing of the difference between genius and mediocrity, let alone enius and a moderate ability at the three-card trick.

There are a few more things. Balthus deserves a second plance; you can regard Francis Bacon as a significant arrist, well worth giving wall-space to. you like, though I would be obliged if you would refrain from trying to convince me of the validity of your belief; Frank Auerbach has a certain skill; Willem de Kooning is all right if you like that sort of thing (I don't actually dislike it myself). And that is just

The most striking quality about most of the rest is its lifelessness; by the end of my second tour of the exhibition, I



Two Royal Academy exhibits: Lucien Freud's Head of the Big Man and Andy Warhol's portrait of David Hockney

or pile up some bricks, or for I think, that there are six works Alan Charlton's canvases" the Dadaists to burst in and smash the entire place to pieces. Room after room displays nothing but a hopeless, negative, Weltschmerz, appro-priately enough, the Germans are by far the worst, and the worst of those is Markus Lupertz, whose work calls urgently for somebody to start the Second World War all over again. And at any rate Lüpertz 13 saying something, even if it is something that nobody in his right mind would want to hear; but you would hardly believe,

demonstration of the triumph of publicity over art. Or that there are five of the silly scribblings of Cy Twombly. Or that there is a rectangle by Alan Charlton, seven yards better, being the Director of square yards of paper with wide by three high, divided the Whitechapel Gallery), is hundreds of more or less horizontally into seven identical excellent; every one of the identical skull-shaped ovals; yard-wide slices, painted in an absolutely even blue-grey monochrome from end to end, which has prompted the chief ass of biographical and other details, quality whose contribution to the three assess who have select the three asses who have selec-ted the exhibits to refer, in his introduction in the catalogue, to as they include, in the note on ted the exhibits to refer, in his an entirely unqualified blessing, tures, but in the fact that he introduction in the catalogue, to as they include, in the note on has had them hung upside eaten shroud.

"the Beckett-like loneliness of a dreary Italian called Mario down, thus inevitably leading Times Newspapers Limited, 1981

contribution of the asses aforementioned (they are Christos M. Joachimides, Norman Rosenthal and Nicholas Serota, and the last of them ought to know

The catalogue, apart from the

Merz a passage which I had to Le Chef des Anes to say that in read twice to make sure that I doing so the artist "not only had not written it myself as a liberated himself from the Merz sought to suggest the

merz sought to suggest the parallel between social or economic ills and proliferation by confronting such simple (even primitive) images as the righo with a neon tube moulded into the numbers of Phonacci's properties. numerical progression. Around 1973 he began incorporating a numerical element into the structure of the work into the structure of the work.
itself. Thus, a selecting a
cafeteria as a typical site for
human proliferation, he constructed tables that would
accommodate people in
groups of 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13,
21, 34 and 55. When this
series was exhibited in the
Akademie der Künste in
Berlin the tables were used
by visitors, which reveals
Merz's tendency to underline
this didactic intensions by
encouraging a physical or encouraging a physical or

spanial interaction the spectator and the artwork.
Then there is Robert Ryman,
who paints canvases plain white Division, Unit, Crest and Acme from Acme") respectively; there is Jannis Kounellis, who entirely fills Jomething like 250 civilisation lies not in the pic-

of the pictures are so big that you can stand at the end of the goom and see them all well enough to decide that you don't want' a closer look ... But'l came out by the same door as in I went. It may be that there aren't as many as 150 pictures anywhere by living artists that of any interesting general tend-ency. But in that case, the solu-tion would have been to wait tion would have been to wait until some such tendency made itself apparent, rather than cobble up this implausible suggestion that the new spirit in painting is only the old dead spirit exhumed in its worm-eaten shroud.

mured a fellow-sufferer;

## The danger of holding trials on camera

The United States has taken an pofortupate step towards deny-ing defendants in criminal cases the option of having what they consider to be an unprejudiced trial, A decision of the Supreme Court on Monday upheld the constitutional right of states to allow television coverage of criminal trials, even if

Some 21 states at present allow television access to trials, although 10 of them require the accused's consent to such coverage. Following the Sup-reme Court's decision, it will now be open to all states to was longing for Carl André to give the go-ahead to televised come and fold a few blankets reporting of trials.

The case was brought to the to accused to appeal from a ing does not seem unreasonable, upreme Court by two Miami jury verdict on the grounds But anyone who has seen the olicemen accused of burglary. Supreme Court by two Miami policemen accused of burglary. At the time of their trial, Florida was conducting a oneyear experiment (since made permanent) of television coverage of court proceedings. British viewers saw some of the results of that in the BBC 2 series, Circuit II, Miami, in

The Supreme Court failed to find any evidence that the trial of the two men had been tainted by television coverage, let alone that all television reporting of trials would be pre-judicial. The decision stressed that it would always be open the accounts given in broadcast

Chief Justice Warren Burger, in a decision adopted by six of the eight judges (the other two agreed with the result but wrote separate opinions) said that merely because there was possible prejudice to a defen-dant in having the trial covered by television did not make that form of reporting unconstitutional. There might be similar prejudice in written reports, but they were nor prohibited. On the surface, that reason-

sence of the cameras, or by on the conduct of criminal trials would feel considerable unease:

In the Miami series, everyoneclearly played to the camerawimesses and the accused. The trials thus televised were sig-nificantly different in nature to what they would have been represented only the printed The news bulletins shown

every day of a trial's highlights would have had far greater impact than radio or newspaper summaries of the same proceed

ings. In short, the trials were distorted by the presence of television, and by the know-ledge that excerns were going to be shown state-wide, or even, if the case was spectacular

enough, nationally.

All this could be justified if the accused were themselves happy about having their trials televised. What the Supreme Court has done is to allow the state authorities to impose television, coverage over the objections of protesting accused. That cannot be good for the repura-tion of American justice.

## LONDON DIARY

#### Hard labour for short. sharp sentences

You know how it is there early in the morning in Hampstead with the burns still asleep against the trees of the Heath; by with plastic sacks for the dustbins? Well, we came up from Camden Town and we heard it. All around. The automatic fire.

"Remingtons," Harry said, pretty mean. "And Imperials and an Adler portable. And an IBM golfball with electric carriage return."

Harry knew. He had been trying for a year to make it with a broad from the council typing pool. The winter sun climbed in

the sky, diffused and milky like nld men's eyes. Typewriters clicked with menace from every window. We took cover in the cafe.

that is paper with no words on absinthes. He spent a long time

it," said the big one.

Harry sprang to his feet and smashed the big guy's Jaw.
"Speak English," he snarled.
The big guy slumped in a corner, real heavy. "It's the Fourth International Imitation Hemingway Competition," he said. He spat out two teeth. "Seek inspiration. The words will come quick, clean and

Harry punched him in the comach. "More," he said. stomach. "They will pick the winner from those who have followed the rules: a one-page parody of Hemingway." The big guy wired blood. And you have to mention Harry's Bar. Nicely. Harry will

Los Angeles, For dinner, For be judged. His son Jack Hemingway will preside. Ray Bradbury will help. There will be dialogue, character sketches, action scenes. Harry will keep prized markets, them all. The fruits of this year's bum-

fly the winner to his bar\_in

Time passes, my friend. The They were waiting for us, Big Ring closes on February just like they said. Two of them. 15. The judges wait. Let me We sat down and one of them return to my keyboard."

They left. We left. Harry

"What gives?" said Harry.

"We face the white bull Harry ordered up two Spanish

staring into the bright liquid

winking in his glass, catching the reflection of the Mac-donald's bamburger sign. At last he spoke.
"They're certainly doing it in earnest up here," he said.

Leaf year

There is good news for those who agree with Kipling that a woman is no match for a good cigar. Derek Harris, chairman of one of our leading Havana cigar importers who has just returned from the Caribbean, reports that the Cubans have finally defeated the blue mould fungus which decimated their last two tobacco harvests. Thanks to finding an effective herbicide, they are about to harvest one of the best crops

for many years. short supply recently, although the Cubans have been doing their best to keep up supplies to Britain, one of their most

per crop should be in British shops next year, but there is a catch. The cost to Cuba of eradicating the pest has meant that cigar prices will rise by about 12 per cent almost immediately, and there is the additional threat that the Chancellor will impose a sub-

Waning

In an opinion pell announced yesterday, Mrs Thatcher notched up second place ahead of Ayatollah Khomeini and Idi Amin, but failed to snarch the lead from Adolf Hitler. However the Prime Minister need not lose too much sleep over the results, astonishing though they may be; they are merely the outcome of the latest annual survey by Madame Tussaud's in London to dis-cover who are the most feared Thatcher, declared that the and hated figures in the wax-uation could not possibly afford

last year's clear winner, has been toppled to fourth place. While elevating Hitler to a pinnacle of nastiness the voters deserted Churchill last year's number one "hero of all time", replacing him with Superman. The late John Lennon has displaced Bjorn Borg, who nevertheless remains the favourite wax sportsman, the remainder are either empty. No one, no matter how elevated, is safe from the vagaries freehold is owned by the

stantial increase in tobacco Larry Ragman, the horrid duty in the March budger. Still, citizen of Dallas. Fame sure is I don't suppose Lord Grade wilt a fleeting thing-be reduced to Woodbines.

Pacade lift

One of the earliest indications that the Prime Minister and the lately deposed Leader of the Commons did not see eye to eye on every conceivable subject occurred more than a year ago when Norman gave qualified but unmistakeable approval to a new scheme for offices for his fellow MPs. The building designed by Sir Hugh Casson, would have cost an estimated £120m, and within works. The Ayatollah, who was such luxuries

But that being so, what now happens to the buildings on the site in Bridge Street, which will stay where they are Although one of them. St. Stephen's House, was recently taken over for use by Parliamentary stall serving the new Commons select committees, the remainder are either empty of the Tussaud voters. Even the Crown, but the idea that they shabby and dirty and can hardly since the beginning of the cen-Queen has been knocked from might be converted quite do much to impress the tury, gradually disappeared as her perch in fifth place by cheaply to serve the needs of millions of tourists who visit public libraries improved.



preferowded legislators . appears not to have been considered.
Moreover, the facades are

the area every year. If Michael Heseltine, the Environment Secretary, is as keen on con-servation and removation as he professes, could he not per-suade his Property Services Agency to get busy with scrub-bing brushes and a few pots of

#### Booked out Public spending cuts appear to

be playing havoc with our public libraries. On the few occasions that I go to my local library and find it open, I also find the assistants few and the shelves depleted. Is this, I wonder, a case for the return of private enterprise?

Before the days of universal free reading you could pay a visit to the profusion of little libraries tucked away in corners of W. H. Smith and Boots the Chemists, and pick up a Barbara Cartland with your bottle of aspirin. Indeed some readers would say that the two go together.

But the Public Library Act of 1964 put an end to much of that. The subscription libraries in the chain stores, which had specialized in romantic fiction

A mere handful of subscription libraries have survived. The Leeds Library, founded in 1768, with its maximum of 500 members paying £12 each a year, retains a Victorian atmosphere. Harrods has a lending library for 3,000 members paying up to £45 ach a year. The splendid Jondon Library has one million vilumes and 6,500 members. But these are mere cases in a desert of illiterar. The Bradford Library and literary Spring along

last time on December 31 after surviving for more tlan 200 Under the Thatcher doctrine of self-help, perhaps the rebirth of the subscription ibrary is

aiready overdue.

Society closed its doors for the

Introducing the New Standard drama awards vesteday, Ned Sherrin managed i doublepolitical events and he National Theatre's controversial play The Romans in Brain. Quoth Sherrin: "Not eligate for the hest comedy is he Party, which this ear did for Michael Foot wht last year the Romans di for the

AlanHamilton



#### MIGHT HAVE BEEN WORSE

the recession is slowing down, out it is not over yet. That is he clear picture which emerges nent figures and the report the he economic situation from the try. Hopes of an upturn during

Ealm the current year remain distinctly fragile.

The unemployment figures are The unemployment figures are slightly less bad than might have hbeen feared. There is a five week period before the January count of the number of unemployed. The increase in the underlying level of unemployment during that period was 103,000, little more than during the previous four weeks. The figures contain

the Government, all of which point to the conclusion that the increase in unemployment is cerrainly not accelerating and may even be slowing down. Such a conclusion would be consistent with the evidence which is beginning to emerge on the pattern of output at the end of last year. It now looks likely that the drop in national output which occurred so precipitately

during the summer may have

cased off at the end of the year.

The CBI survey of business opinion suggests that the run-

down of stocks which played

such a key role in this may now be past its worst. It is not safe to conclude from this, however, that output has now reached bottom and that it will start to pick up from now on. Destocking is slowing down, but it is not yet over. The economy is having to make a painful adjustment to a lower level of output overali.

It makes little sense for anyone, least of all the Government, to become obsessed by the detail of just when the absolute bottom in output will be reached and when the upturn will start, Such forecasts, are exceedingly difficult to get right and of little practical consequence.
What is clear is that at some

point during the current year. output will stabilize. It may then rise, but only gently. The increase in unemployment which has been such a feature of the past year will slow down quite markedly, although—given past performance in productivity—the total out of work must be expected to go on rising for the forecastable future.

These are the bad sides of the economic situation. The good side is that inflation is definitely falling faster than even the Government is yet willing to recognize. It now seems probable that at some point during the

current year inflation will fall well into single figures. The underlying rate over the past six months, traditionally the best guide to trends, has already dropped to that level. "

The decline in the rate of inflation is not solely the result of sterling's continued strength. Domestic costs, particularly wages, are beginning to respond to the new climate. The Government can thus reasonably hope that it is in sight of achieving a sustained fall in inflation as long as its current policies are pursued. The problem is that a continuation of a right policy makes it relatively unlikely that there will be the sort of growth in output and living standards which governments traditionally feel they need in the years before an election.

In addition, this approach imposes severe structural strains on the economy. The manufacturing sector of industry has already been exposed to severe competition from abroad. This will worsen as long as sterling remains strong. In this situation, the Chancellor should be giving urgent attention to the need to be changing the balance of the economy so that sections such as manufacturing bear less of the burden.

#### COALITION TREMORS IN BONN

Three months after its clear election victory, West Germany's coalition government has still not got into its stride. The election was a vote of confidence in the coalition formula, the alliance between the Social Democrats (SPD) and the Free Democrats (FDP), and in the leadership of Herr Schmidt, the Chancellor. But it altered the halance within the coalition by significantly increasing the numher of votes that went to the FDP, while only giving the SPD a marginal increase. Consequently the FDP claimed, and has received, greater influence on government policy; but that in its turn has caused resentment on the left wing of the SPD, which is itself larger in the new Bundestag. So instead of a sense of a renewal and of new horizons, there has been a feeling of malaise in Bonn for the past few months, the larest sign of which was this week's abortive attempt by the left wing of the SPD to have the defence budget reduced by 1,000

million Marks. a new German government has had initial difficulties of this sort. Four years ago, at the heginning of the last legislature. the two coalition partners had some trouble in resolving their differences; but by the end they were working well together.

This time, however, the situation is more tense than before, and there have been suggestions that the coalition might fall apart, with the FDP either forming an alliance with the Christian Democrats or going into opposition and leaving the two large parties to form a grand coalition. For the time being either of these developments seems most unlikely. The FDP has done extremely well out of its alliance with the Social Democrats-it was seen by its supporters in the election as serving as a moderate brake on leftist tendencies in the SPD-and it could jeopardize its gains by changing

its tactics. Its leaders have shown no sign of wanting to get out. The question is whether Herr Schmidt and Herr Genscher, the FDP leader, can pull the coalition together and get it working more smoothly. One of the main immediate challenges is the situation in West Berlin, where the two parties are in coalition and where the previous Mayor, of a financial scandal. Berlin, the former capital, has a special significance for Germans, and it was felt to be extremely import tant for the coalition not to lose power there. So Dr Hans Jochen Vogel, formerly Minister of Justice in Bonn and seen as Herr Schmidt's own chosen successor,

has been installed as Mayor; and the hope is that he will be able to hold the city for the coalition in the forthcoming elections in spite of a strong challenge from the Christian Democrats.

West Germany's allies are bound to wonder whether the coalition's difficulties are likely to affect foreign policy, and particularly the decision to install the new medium-range nuclear missiles in Germany, in view of the campaign against them by the SPD left wing. There is no reason to think that they will. Herr Schmidt is firmly committed to a policy of matching Soviet weapons, if only as a basis for disarmament negotiations, and he has great experience in dealing with his own left wing. More to the point is the question whether, with President Reagan now in office in Washington, German-American relations can be raised from the low level to which they sank during the Carter administration. The Germans are strongly committed to Herr Dietrich Stobbe, was a policy of improved relations recently forced to resign because with Eastern Europe, and they are apprehensive that a more militant policy from Washington might jeopardize that. But there is no reason to fear that they are about to become doubtful members of the alliance, and the new American Administration will secure their cooperation more easily if they recognize this.

## TIME FOR THE TIN POUND

It is well that Sir Geoffrey Howe it as a basis for a monetary image of St George and the has brought the desultory old system. Changes in value are not dragon which Pistrucci designed has brought the desultory old argument about whether we need a one-pound coin to an end at last; otherwise the inevitably ensuing argument about whether the Royal Mint should continue to weigh our pockets down with coins of such small value might have trodden too close on its heels. Already the pound sterling buys only half as much as the fifty-pence piece originally did in 1969; by 1983, when the proposed coin is to be issued, its purchasing power (assuming a 20 per cent inflation rate, perhaps unfairly) may be about the same as that of a two-shilling piece twenty years ago. What we should be talking about is not the tin pound but the tin fiver.

Of course we already have a one-pound coin, exempt from these humiliating fluctuations. The gold sovereign, still struck today, is already worth more than 50 times its nominal value; opinions differ over whether this uniquely qualifies or disqualifies

straightforward in any case. Rawdon Crawley, visiting his son's school in the 1820s in Vanity Fair, sagaciously tipped Master Blackball a sovereign to win his goodwill towards the younger boy. Rawdon was seldom flush with cash, but free with it when he had it. Jos Sedley was quite the reverse, yet even he, 20 years earlier, had handed over half a guinea to the schoolboy George Osborne, although the latter had just ruined Jos's Hessian boots. Even in those days, such gifts must have been convertible into astronomical numbers of cream buns: probably the equivalent of several weeks' pay for a labourer. Any comparison with the tariff at a present-day comprehensive is unreal : not even Master Blackball's sovereign could buy him a

turn at Space Invaders. It would be tempting to propose that the new coin should bring back into everyday circulation the splendid Regency in 1816 (the model for St George was an Italian servant at a hotel in Leicester Square; it is 'not recorded who sat for the dragon). The fifty-pence piece successfully reprieved Britannia in this way. But if, as proposed, the sub-sov is to be of the same diameter as the sovereign and vellow in colour, it is important that there should be no possibility of its being passed off as a redesigned version of the gold

The two new additions to the coinage will give a depressingly ad hoc air to the range, with no less than four distinct species of coin, brown, white and yellow, discs and oblate heptagons. The first government that really con-quers inflation should mark its triumph with a comprehensive redesign of the coinage. In view the execrably insipid design of the reverses of almost every British coin in the last fifty years, fresh images could hardly fail to be an improvement.

#### Criminal procedure moves From Sir David Napley

Sir. The Philips commission on Criminal procedure suggests that in place of committal for trial there he substituted an "application for dis-charge". A majority (the ratio is not revealed) doubted on such an application "whether the magis-trates need to take their decision upon the basis of oral evidence tested under cross-examination". It is hoped that neither the suggestion nor the convoluted reasoning on which it is based will be accepted.

"Magistrates", they rightly obare reluctant to dismiss cases and over 2,000 or just over 2 per cent of those committed for trial are discharged in the crown for insufficient evidence. That figure is probably low, but means, if the average cost of a case for both sides is £750, a loss of public or private money of £1,500,000 every year and, if each case lasts approximately half to a full day, wastage of four to eight years' court time, whilst congestion in some crown courts is still a matter of concern. Add that "ordered and directed acquirtals in the crown court for insufficient evidence in 1978 were over 40 per cent nationally and as high as 54 per cent in one area", and it argues not for weakening, but strengthen-

ing the sifting process. The commission rightly regrets the lack of effective scrutiny of the case by the prosecution and the de-

fence and the failure of prosecution

witnesses "to give evidence in a satisfactory manner". They might have added that over many years the attitude of the lay magistracy to committals has been half-hearted, dispiriting and mere routine.

It is inconsistent to assert: far as possible no one should be required to stand trial in the absence of good cause "whilst believing that this principle can be protected by reference alone to written statements prepared by the police. They are often unreliable. and frequently contain as positive statements of fact no more than rationalizations between the intended witness and the police officer of what the witness is assisted to recall; the unreliability of the statement can be demonstrated only by cross-examination.

Often, other facts absent from the statement can only be elicited by cross-examination, throwing a wholly different complexion on the statement, or enabling further in-vestigations to be made in the limited time available to the defence. There are also other important aspects too lengthy to mention.

"An application for discharge" wit. oral evidence and cross-examination would only be "com-mittal proceedings" by another name. The problem is not the form of the process but the reluctance of lay magistrates to dismiss. What of lay magistrates to dismiss. What is essential is a radical change of heart, both on their part and that of the higher judiciary when they are guiding them. Much time and money would be saved and the liberty of the subject protected by

a meaningful examination of the quality of the evidence when tested by cross-examination, and committal proceedings, competently conducted. are often vital to the outcome of the ultimate trial.

Finally, committal proceedings should only be heard by those who are robust, experienced and know-ledgeable enough to recognize those cases which should and should not be sent for trial. If that is achieved they should be left as they are. Yours truly, DAVID NAPLEY,

Kingsley, Napley and Company, 107-115 Long Acre, W.C2.

#### The cost of dying

From Mrs Elisabeth Goodwin Sir, I recently helped a friend make funeral arrangements for a deceased relative and was horrified to learn that the cost of the cheapest coffin (not the funeral) was 5286. As my riend's relative was to be cremated presumably the collin also would be cremated?

As I approach my three score years and ten, would it not be a good investment to buy my collin

Yours faithfully, ELISABETH GOODWIN, Flat 3, Theiron Crossbush, Arundei. January 22.

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From Professor J. A. Andrews and . is laughably inept. The Law Com-

Criminal attempts at the impossible

Sir. When opening the debate on the Criminal Attempts Bill (Report, January 20), the Home Secretary expressed the belief that it would charify the law, but in this he has, unfortunately, been misadvised. The issue relates to impossible attempts. At present it is a crime to attempt

or conspire to commit a crime, with one major exception. People who try or plan to commit crimes are not guilty of attempt or conspiracy if it turns out that, owing to a mistake of fact on their part, the trime is impossible of commission. So (ir seems) the following are untouched by the law; a person who tries to steal from a handbag that turns out to be empty; one who shoots through a skylight at what he thinks is a policeman when there is no one on the roof; a terrorist who, thinking that he is sequiring explosives, is given a substance that will not explode because of the lack of an essential ingredient; men who set up a plant for extracting cocaine illegally from a colorance that turns out to have a substance that turns out to have no cocame in it.

After prolonged study of the subject the Law Commission proposed that this limitation on the law should be abolished. A person whose criminal plan fails because of his mistake of fact should be liable to conviction (though, of course, he would not be guilty if what he was siming to do was not a crime at all but only an imaginary crime). The would be criminal is morally as guilty as if the crime he had in view were possible of

It is true that some attempts are not worth prosecuting but, on any formulation, the law of attempt and conspiracy will include some trivial cases and it is impossible as a matter of drafting to leave such cases out merely because they are pretty harmless. The police do not prosecute attempts except in matters of gravity, and would be unlikely to bring charges where an attempt mission's well-drafted proposal therefore met with approval by all those who wrote upon it in the legal journals.

Almost inexplicably, the Bill now presented by the Government substantially modifies it. The Bill is vague and self-contradictory, so that if it is passed as it stands its effect will not be settled until after a number of expensive appeals. How-ever, it appears from Home Office statements that the Department's intention is that the pickpocket and marksman should be convicted, but that the cocaine manufacturer and terrorist and various other people should be exempt.

We are professors of law who naturally wish the law to be clear, rational and effective. We think hat the present Bill fails in the first two respects and quite possibly in the third. It falls short of miniin the filth it rais short of mini-mum standards of clarity. Further, we think that it will nor have the effect intended by the Home Office unless its provisions are read in a logically unsatisfactory way. It any case we much prefer both the policy and the drating of the Law

Commission's proposal.

We hope that the present provisions will be amended, preferably on the Government's initiative, to bring them back to the Law Commission's wording. Yours faithfully,

J. A. ANDREWS, University of Wales, D. W. ELLIOTT, University of Newcastle, EDWARD GRIEW, University of Leicester. BRIAN HOGAN, University of Leeds, SIDNEY PREVEZER, University of Sussex, J. C. SMITH. University of Nottingham, DONALD THOMPSON, University of Keele, GLANVILLE WILLIAMS, University of Cambridge, Jesus College, Cambridge.

#### Serving democracy

From Lady Bridges Sir, While not disagreeing with Mr John Silkin (Whiteball brief,

January 20) that the Civil Service is "by its nature slow to act " (though whether that is always a bad thing may be debatable), I must beg to differ from his view that the "battle" would be between "politicians who are democratically elected and the civil servants who are not".

The process by which political candidates are selected can be and sometimes is marred by practices which are far from being democratic; while our anachronistic electoral system produces results that distort rather than reflect the

will of the majority.

Civil servants are not, of course, elected; but I hope Mr Silkin would agree that their appointment at all levels is as open and fair as any in the world, and that there are plenty of watchdous ready to bark' at any alleged discrimination or failure of integrity. The selection of its most senior officers is inevitably more subjective, but there are enough checks and balances, including the preferences of mini-

sters and the periodic swing of the political pendulum, to ensure the representation; in its higher ranks of a wide range of views stopping short only of those that are either

enarchic or totalitarian.

Writing as a former civil servant,
the wife of one, and daughter of another whose greatest pride was his contribution to the introduction of the Lloyd George Insurance Act, I know for a fact that, whatever its Imperfections, the Civil Service contains many men and women glad to receive and put forward new ideas, and to subject them to careful constructive scrutiny.

Democracy is a much abused word today. To those with no special axe to grind it means, amongst other things, that Government should reflect the highest common factor in the opinions and aspirathat judged by this standard rather than solely by selection through the counting of votes, the Civil Service will be found to be at least as democratic," as are its political masters.

Yours sincerely, RACHEL BRIDGES, Flat 5. 15 Draycott Place, SW3.

#### Steps to aid Zimbabwe From - the Chairman of the

Wellcome Foundation Sir, The letter from Sir Martin Le Quesne (Jaouary 19) advocates certain very important propositions which we, within this group, have already implemented without the use of enormous resources. but will nevertheless be of great long-term

benefit to Zionbabwe.
Our group has a wholly owned subsidiary which is importantly involved in the veterinary industry. in Zimbabwe and was therefore well aware that the war brought about nor merely a contraction in the cattle population from five million to four million, but also a destruction of dipping tanks in tural areas. Tick control, vital to the health of cattle, was virtually lost. As soon as conditions allowed our company there, Cooper (Zimbahwe) Limited, instituted in the rural areas a training programme for small farmers in conjunction with the African Development Pund whereby groups of farmers are together and retrained by our staff in dipping techniques.
Further, 1980 was the centenary
year of our group's original busivears and hopefully they will there-fore make available nearly 200 management personnel,

absolutely no strings attached: selection of candidates for the burseries and the subsequent monitoring of progress will be made by the authorized colleges and places of learning. There is no doubt as to the need

Yours faithfully.

#### Labour's future\_

From Mr P. M. Williams Sir, Very likely before long some "social democrats" will be outside the Labour Party and others in.
Such situations have in the past
usually led to bitter recruminations
between those who go and those
who stay, damaging the reportations and weakening the influence of both. Already these are beginning.

Yet the two groups agree with one another far more than they differ. They have far more in common with one another than with the associates they will retain or acquire. They will evoke—are already evoking—the same symbolic figures: Hugh Gaitskell and Anthony Crosland (I write as the biographer of one and a lifelong friend of the other).

Both groups need to remember how many good causes they still both favour; to realize how badly those causes need their combined support to resist the temptation to justify their own decisions by vilifying those of the others; to keep open lines of communication in the present and prospects of cooperation in the future. Both will face a new situation in one year, or two. or three, as the worst fears that they share come to be fulfilled or

dispelled. Each will be under pressure meanwhile to concentrate its fire on the other. The more that either group succumbs to that pressure. the more their common enemies. will benefit. Yours faithfully,

PHILIP WILLIAMS, Nuffield College, Oxford. January 26.

From Professor Lord Stamp. Sir, There must be many who, while not subscribing to the political views of a social democratic perty

criteria we suggested for candidates simple-everage scholastic achieve-ment, leadership qualities and need. We have undertaken to award these bursaries annually for the next 10 The essence of what we did had

ness and as one of the ways of commemorating is we inaugurated in Zimbabwe 19 bursaries, including

medicine, veterinary science,

agriculture and nursing. The only

from our experience, there is no doubt that if help is given, it is greatly appreciated.

A. J. SHEPPERD, Chairman, The Wellcome Foundation Ltd, The Wellcome Building, 183 Euston Road, NW1. January 23:

#### f it were to be formed, nevertheless believe that in our democratic society it would have a vitally important part to play in meeting the challenge of fundamentally undemocratic extremism, and that in meeting this threat all other poli-

tive insignificance. If such a party is to be formed with any chance of success it will require the promise of the widest possible financial support from all such people. In alliance with the Liberal Party it might then bring about that change in the electoral system which alone can banish the

tical considerations pale into rela-

threat of extremist totalitarian government for ever. I remain, Sir, an independent peer and also your obedient servant, STAMP, House of Lords. January 24.

#### From Mr Russell Johnston, MP for Inverness (Liberal)

Sir, The weekend's events, plus the very lucid interview of Mr Michael Foot by Mr Brian Walden on television, had the great merit of bringing sharply into focus the major isues about which the social democrats in the Labour Party are in disagreement with the Labour Party's official policy, as determined in conference and confirmed by its new leader on behalf of its parlia-

Apart from Constitutional matters these are the mixed economy, our future in or out of Europe and collective defence (or multilateralism versus unilateralism).

Could someone please tell me what they disagree with the Liberal Party about? Yours faithfully,-RUSSELL JOHNSTON,

House of Commons.

January 25.

## Misgivings on Nationality Bill

Immizrants

Sir, I was in India when the British Nationality Bill was published. There are a number of white citizens of the United Kingdom and colonies resident in India; they will become British citizens if the Bill is passed. There are also a number of citizens of the United Kingdom and colonies of Indian descent in India, mostly people born or registered as such in East and Central Africa, and holding no other nationality; they will almost all become British overseas citizens.

Some 5,000 of them have applied Britain: they are having to wait for nearly five and a half years before being issued with vouchers, and the Home Office Minister, Mr Timothy Raison, in a letter to Lord Avebury written since the Bill was published, has effectively confirmed that it is the Government's inten-tion to allow that waiting period to

I talked over the last three weeks to hundreds of those in India who are thus excluded and who will become British overseas citizens. The Government wishes them to believe that the intended change in their nationality status will make little difference to shem, because the special voucher scheme will continue. I dutifully passed on this assurance, but it is not easy for someone to accept that their ernment is going to great trouble to change their nationality status, and yet this will not affect them. It is easier for them to perceive the motive behind passing legitlation to remove their right to pass day form of British citizenship on to their children, even if those children are as a result born stateless. Statelessness will not arise in

India because any child born in India is an Indian citizen by birth, yet the Government is seeking to ensure that children born to British citizens temporarily resident in India are born only as Indian citizens, at the same time as it seeks in the Bill to prevent children born to Indian citizens and others temporarily resident in Britain from being born as British citizens.

It is therefore not surprising that the Indian press sees ratism in the British Nationality Bill, as you report (January 20). It is not surprising that those who will become British overseas citizens indignant and insecure, as I found. And it is not surprising that Britain's internacional reputation is being seriously damaged, in India and no doubt elsewhere, by racist nationality legislation being heaped upon racially discriminatory changes in the immigration rules.

It is only surprising that the Home Office can feel itself mis-

understood. I recommend a visit to January 22), are "angry ar what they regard as unjustified criticism". They could then do what the Government has made no attempt whatever to do: explain its pro-posals to those for whom its thirdiess citizenship is intended.

Yours faithfully, IAN MARTIN, General Secretary. Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants. 44 Theobalds Road, WC1. January 23.

From Mr Dick H. Pantlin Sir, The British Nationality Bill is about to receive its second reading in the Commons, and is soon to be considered in committee. In your leader of January 15 you particu-

From the General Secretary of the larly invited Parliament to look Joint Council for the Weljare of critically at the present proposal to limit citizenship by descent to the first generation of Britons born abroad. May I express what I believe to be the views of many thousands of British families work ing in Continental Europe, and their employers, and add my voice in support of your recommendation?

The effect of this part of the Bill should clearly be understood.
Any child born ourside the United
Kingdom of British parents,
whether before or after the Bill becomes law, will become, at best, " second-class " British citizen, in that, whilst he will have the privi leges of British citizenship himself. he will not be able to transmit that citizenship to his children. More-over, unless one parent happens to have been born in the United King-dom, such child will have no automatic right to British citizenship. Thus, to take a not uncommon case, a child may have all four grandparents as British citizens born in the United Kingdom, and both parents also British citizens (though born outside the United Kingdom) and yet, if born outside the United Kingdom himself, that child will not have the right to British citizenship by descent. Neither would that child be entitled to citizenship by registration except in the very limited circumstances

contemplated in clause 3 of the Bill. The Bill will therefore discourage many British parents from taking employment abroad, and there will surely be a diminishing number prepared even to accept a temporary move abroad since children born there will either be "second-class" British citizens or not be entitled

to British citizenship. Whether or not this proposal is consistent with the freedoms of movement guaranteed by the EEC, it is my view that it will seriously disadvantage many British families which, to quote the White Paper, "maintain strong connections with this country although spending a great part, or all, of their lives about?"

abroad ' I believe that justice would be done if citizenship by descent were to be granted (a) automatically to the second generation born abroad, and (b) to subsequent generations. there is still a close connection with the United Kingdom. This connection should be defined with reference to the family's cultural and educational background and aspiration; it should not be made dependent upon the parent's conditions of employment and even on the actual place of recruimment. The present proposal would exclude the dependents of the self-employed, and many working for intentionally limited periods in companies. universities, etc. not connected with

the United Kingdom, in order to improve their qualifications. The position of United Kingdom citizens already born abroad, under existing laws, should also be reconsidered. Surely it is unfair to deprive them of the full rights of United Kingdom citizenship which they presently enjoy, and which include the right to transmit such citizenship to their children. Ther should also, as you so rightly suggest, be adequate rights of appeal against decisions of the

ome Secretary. Yours faithfully, DICK H. PANTLIN, Vice-President.

Council of British Chambers of Commerce in Continental Europe, Avenue de Mercure II, 1180 Uccle, Brussels, Belgium.

#### The RAF way From Mr Tom Freer

Sir, The letter from your correspondent Mr P. P. C. Barthropp January 24), does the Royal Air Force less than justice. I, too, was one of the returning prisoners of war who were "packed 27 strong in Lancasters and flown from Brussels to an airfield near Ayleshure." hus my recollection of it is bury", but my recollection of it is not the same as his.

Having been accustomed to the many "longueurs" of transit camps, etc. during my previous five years of service, I was impressed that this journey was organized for us with admirable speed, precision and consideration; and it was accomplished against a background of almost total European confusion, this being the last week of the war

before VE day.

The time taken from our discovery by a British armoured patrol on a German farm hear Lubeck to our being at home with our families was only four days, which makes the return journey of the United States hostages seem slow indeed. I remember no de-lousing, and

the shortage of telephones was skilfully circumvented by assigning to each of us, as we walked away from the Lancaster, a geisha from the WAAF to take down and post our telegrams. The "slow train" to Cosford took no more than a few hours, and our stay there was no longer than the minimum for fitting us out with clean clothes, ration books and a railway warrant home. Mr Barthropp implies that, com-pared with the returning United States hostages our treatment was tough; I found it to be touchingly simple, expeditious and direct. Yours faithfully,

TOM FREER, 1 Parkside Avenue, Wimbledon Common, SW19. January 24.

From Mr J. C. W. Bushell Sir, It is certainly true, as Mr Barthropp says (January 24), that the circumstances in which RAF prisoners of war were returned to the United Kingdom in 1945 were less than heroic. Perhaps one trouble was that at that time no RAF doctor mentioned to us, as the State Department Medical Director is reported as applying to the hos-tages, the danger of the "post-traumatic stress syndrome".

Still, all is not lost. Should the Ministry of Defence finally decide to refund our POW pay deductions (on account of facilities allegedly provided by our Luftwaffe hosts), that in itself should be a traumatic experience to test those of us who survive\_

Yours faithfully. J. C. W. BUSHELL. 19 Bradbourne Street, SW6.

#### **English Leyland**

From Mr G. M. Smailes Sir, Your report of January 14 may perhaps have misled people into believing that the industrial tribunal at Leeds gave an authoritative ruling that British Leyland was guilty of indirect racial discrimination because of the way in which it insisted that people applying for labouring jobs filled in their appli-

cation forms.
May I make it clear that BL before the hearing had conceded that what had happened constituted this kind of discrimination? tribupal therefore never considered this particular Issue and the order declaring discrimination was made by consent.

Yours faithfully. GEORGE SMAILES. Regional Chairman, Regional Office of the ndustrial Tribunals, Minerva House. 29 East Parade, Leeds.

#### Case for economy?

From Mr C. J. Wise Sir, Members of Parliament must be dangerously ill-informed. Mr Philip Holland (January 19) writes that the Department of Employment has over 22,000 civil servants em-ployed in public relations and the issue of work permits.

He is obviously unaware that the majority are, in fact, working very hard in hundreds of local unemployment benefit offices serving "clients" his government has "clients" his government has helped to produce. There may be a case for transferring this work to the Department of Health and Social Security and thus Mr Holland's

argument would again hold water. However, it would become an MP to get his facts right before grandly dismissing an entire government department.

Yours faithfully, C. J. WISE, 72 Faraborough, Netherfield: Milton Keynes, Ruckinghamshire. January 19.

#### Voice from the past From the Reverend J. M. C. Yates

Sir, Perhaps one more Brittein story? One morning at Mons we were doing rifle drill by numbers-, 2; 3, 1-and my luckless neighbour concentrating on the move-ments rather than the counting aloud, was doubled off to the guardroom for "idle shouting on narade ". Yours faithfully,

JOHN YATES, The Rectory, Mells, Frome, Somerset.

Council may sell art treasures to

required in education spending on music and the arts, amounting to £110,000 out of a budget of £500,000, could mean that the

county youth orchestras would no longer be viable.

The cuts would also mean a re-

duction of nearly a third in the number of peripatetic reachers of

music, dance and drama, and put at risk the Leicester School of Music and the county drama

save music education from cuts



#### **COURT** CIRCULAR

CLARENCE HOUSE

January 27: The Lady Jean Rankin has succeeded Mrs Patrick Camp-bell-Preston as Lady-in-Wairing to Queen Elizabeth The

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE anuary 27: Princess Alexandra and the Hon Angus Ogilyv attended the Luncheon held for the presentation of The New Standard Awards for 1980 at the Savoy Hotel.

This evening. Her Reyal Highness and the Hou Angus Ogilvy were present at a Reception and Buffer Supper given by The Chief Rabbi and Mrs Immanuel Jakobovits at 85, Hamilton Terrace, London, on behalf of the Jewish Society for the Mentally Randicapped.

The Lady Mary Fitzalan-Howard was in attendance.

was in attendance.

The Duke of Edinburgh will lunch with members of the Cam-bridge Chamber of Commerce at Robinson College, Cambridge, on February 10.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Chancellor of Salford University, will visit the university and attend the annual court meeting on February 13. The Duke of Edinburgh will

College of Speech Therapists
Sir Sigmund Sternberg, VicePresident of the College of Speech
Therapists, and Lady Sternberg,
held a reteption at the Reform
Club yesterday to mark the publication of Living After a Stroke by
Miss Diana Law. Miss Miriam Hall,
Chairman of the College of Speech
Therapists, spoke and the guests
included Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for Social Services. address the all-party Conservation Committee of both Houses of Parliament on February 18. The Prince of Wales, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Regiment of Wales, will receive the freedom of Swanses on behalf of the regiment on February 20.

Birthdays today

Major-General W. A. F. L. Fox-Piet, 85; Professor Lucy Mair, 80; Mr Arthur Rubinstein, 94; Lord Windlesham, 49.

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Murray Macdonald will be held at noon on Thursday, February 5, at St Paul's Church, Bedford Street, WC2. National Water Council
The Chairman of the National
Water Council, Sir Robert
Marshall, was host at a reception
at the Institution of Civil Engineers last night after the conference held earlier to mark the
opening of the International
Drinking Water Supply and Sanitation Decade, The guests included:

Prizes for organists

The Royal College of Organists has awarded the following prizes of associateship: Sawyer and Distrant prizes, G. Bint; Lord St Audries Prize, R. H. Farnes Soverbutts and Durrant prizes, N. W. Kok: Doria Wookey Prize, R. R. Fellowship Turpin and Durrant prizes, P. J. Serg

Latest appointments Latest appointments include Lieutenant-General Sir John Stainer to be Commender-in-chief United Kingdom Land Forces in April, in succession to General Sir Timothy Creasey, who is to

Dr Graham Zellick, Reader in Law London University (Queen College), to be editor of Mary College), to be Public Law in succession fessor J. A. G. Griffith.

By Ronald Faux

#### Forthcoming ..... marriages

Mr E. R. G. Clarke and Miss S. L. Elias The engagement is announced between Graham, elder son of Mr and Mrs Trevor Clarke, Briar Wood House, Briar Hill, Purley, Surrey, and Sarina, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs J. H. D. Elias, Pollensa, Mallorca.

Mr S. E. B. Clowes and Miss N. A. A. Wallace The engagement is announced between Simon, eldest son of Mrand Mrs William Clowes, of Wappenham Manor, Towcester, and Nicola, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Wallace, of Loch-

Mr J. J. M. Hanratty and Miss K. A. Le Blanc Smith The engagement is announced between John Joseph Michael,

rvan. Strangaer.

Luncheons

HM Government

Institute of Export.

Receptions

Institute of Management Services Sir Monty Finniston, president, and Mr Harold Williams, chair-

and Mr Harold Williams, chairman, were hosts at a reception beld at the Marinil Terrace, yesterday, to mark the fortieth anniversary of the Institute of Management Services. Among the guests were:

Lord Lloyd of Kilperran, Lord Wigoder, Lord Lloyd of Kilperran, Lord Wigoder, Lord Boshick, Lard Campbell of Croy, Lord Rochester.

Professor Sir George Grenfell-Baines and hir Michael Colvin, MF.

Archaeology

Crannogs were artificial islands

and sank, another was built on fop so they represent probably the longest single type of site used in Scotland "

Scotland ".

Priory Island in Loch Tay is about 100 metres across and has trees growing on it, but it began life as a crannog. It is thought there may be more than 500 of the settlements around the shores of a number of Scottish lochs with ard lacts perfectly preserved by the nearly water, free from the destruc-

neary water, free from the destruc-tive effects of oxygen and bacteria.

Prize double for play

Coralie Rankin.

Mr V. S. Melleney and Miss Q. M. Rankin The marriage took place on Janu-ary 27, 1981, in London, between Mr Victor Stefan Melleney, son Mrs. George Victor of Mr and Mrs George Victor Melleney, of Johannesburg, and Miss Cons Mary Rankin, daughter of Mr Felix Rankin and Mrs

second, son of Dr and Mrs I. F. Hanratty, of Westminster Gardens, London, SW1, and Krista Anne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs S. R. Le Blant Smith, of Alburgh, Norfolk.

Mr F. Freund
and Miss P. M. English
The engagement is announced
between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs
G. L. L. Freund, of Broadstairs,
and Philippe warras

Kent, and Philippa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs P. M. English, of Chislehurst, Kent.

By Martin Huckerby
Music Reporter
Leicestershire County Council may
sell paintings from its collection
and make substantial cuts, in, its
music education service if an
appeal caunot raise enough money
to fill the gap caused by spending cuts.

The county has a particularly
fine art collection, which includes
works by Paul Nash, Henry
Moore, Wyndham Lewis and
Augustus John, and Mr Andrew
Fairbalru; the director of education, said some of them would
certafuly have to be sold if the
appeal was unsuccessful. Marriage Augustus John, and for Andrew Workshop.

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Leicestershire is renowned for county would be more than

#### Dinners ...

The Hon Nicholas Ridley, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon held at Lancaster House yesterday in honour of the Chief Minister of the Turks and Calcos Islands, Mr Norman Saunders. Jas Hennessy and Co, Cognac The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress, with the Sheriffs and their ladies were present at a dinner given at the Mansion House yesterday by Jas Hennessy and Co, Cognac. The speakers were Le Comite Alain de Pracomtal, the Lord Mayor and Mr Edward Heath, MP. Institute of Export held a tuncheon at Goldsmiths' Hall yesterday. Lord Luke, president, presided. The principal guests were Lord Carrington, Secretary of State-for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, the Ambassador of The Netherlands, Sir John Buckley, Sir Terence Beckett, Mr Malcolm Wilcox and Mr Frank O. Dunphy, chairman of the council of the institute.

Finance Houses Association France Houses Association
Mr John N. Little, chairman of
the Finance Houses Association,
presided at the annual dinner held
at the Savoy Hotel, last night.
Mr John Biffen, MP, and Sir
Anthony Lloyd were the principal
guests. Among those present

Britain-Australia Society Britain-Australia Society held their annual dinner at Grosvenor House last night to celebrate Australia Day (January 26). Viscount Stim presided, Sir Donald Tebut, Sir Phillip Lynch, Australian Minister for Industry and Commerce, and the High Commissioner for Australia were the Sneakers. Among the please were r stoner for Australia were the speakers. Among the guests were represented the form of the subminister, Mr. Harold Aston. Lord and Lady Boyd-Carpenter. Sir Anthony and Lady Burney, Mr. Colla Cowdrey, Mr. S. Currie, Mr. and Mr. Donald Donalstone and Potter and Lady Guester, and Lady Hayter the Earl and Courtess of Inchesse, Air Chief Marshal Sir Wallace, and Lady McFadrean, Professor, and Mary W. H. Morris-Jones, Sir John and Lady Prideaux, Lord Shackleton,

## Alleea Viacountess Sim. Viacountess Sim. Str Rouzid Swayne, Lady Tebbit, the Dean of Melbourne and the Agent General for the Australan States and their leddes.

Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders
The company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders held a dinner at Clothworkers' Hall Jast night for the livery and their guests. Sir Richard Powell was the principal guest and speaker, Mr Stephen Preedy and the Master, Mr G. R. Christophersen, also spoke.

Loriners' Company
At a livery dinner of the Loriners'
Company held at Vintners' Hall
last night the newly installed
Master, Mr Ernest E. Beckett,
presided, assisted by Mr William
H. Wylie-Harris, Upper Warden,
and Mr Norman Freedman, Under
Warden. The Master of the
Chartered Surveyors' Company; Mr
Harry Bollom and Lord Alexander
of Potterbill were the other
speakers. Aiderman Francis McWilliams and the Masters of the
Painters Stainers' and Spectacle
Makers' Companies were also
presept.

#### Circus comes to town

Phiness T. Barrum.

which has been playing in New

lecturer: A. S. Korsiske, BA, Human-ities and social sciences.

Appointment

ge ibritis and Rheilmatism Council 1,470 to Professor C. R. Higginson investigate mechanical properties o icular carillage.

United States nuclear physicists. working with colleagues in Canada and the Federal Republic of Germany, may have found evidence of a new form of nuclear matter that could make it neces-sary to revise fundamental ideas about the structure of the atomic

up from smaller particles called baryons, usually protons and neutrons. Theoretical physicists have developed laws that predict the behaviour of such particles. Those laws may have to be re-

" If we look at our experiments in terms of traditional physical laws governing baryons, our re-sults are just impossible ", one

had been persistently reported in cosmic ray studies since 1954, but has received, little recognition because of the relative lack of statistical certainty.

Their experiments used a beam of artificial cosmic rays, in one instance using nuclei from the

"It is as though we have been seeing nuclei that are many times larger than we would expect", Dr flarry Heckman, leader of the team that carried out the experiments says. It is entirely possible that we are not witnessing the collisious of ordinary nuclei at all. We are seeing strange behaviour among the highest energy fragments that stream from a nuclear collision, and this is very un-

There are several theoretical approaches that might explain why the particular fragments colmore often than traditional nuclei. One, for example, is to imagine that atomic nuclei are

#### OBITUARY MISS CONSTANCE APPLEBEE Pioneer in women's hockey

at the age of 107.

enough to reach the target. The money would be invested to bring in an income which would bridge the gap left by the cuts.

The appeal is supported by such arrisis figures as Sir William The appeal is supported by such artistic figures as Sir William Walton, Sir Adrian Boult, Sir Peter Hall, Dame Ninette de Valois, Donald Sindeu and Sir Michael Tippett.

Even if the appeal is successful, the county will still charge 530 a year to pay for transporting children each Saturday to play in Leicestershire's 10 school orchestras and bands, but the appeal would avoid fees having to be charged for instrument Born on June 4, 1873, at Chigwell, Essex Miss Applebee was delicate. She did not go to school but was taught Greek

She was a woman of great purpose whom no situation defeated. On the occasion of a visit of the Queen of the Relations in 1919 to Bryu Mawr the by a neighbour and was encouraged to go on with her studies. Primarily to improve her health, she became interested in physical education and eventually trained at the British College of Physical Education in London where she gained a

be charged for instrument

tuition.

In the summer of 1901 this dynamic young woman went to Harvard University, United States, for a year's course in "rack" to study under Dr Dudley Sargent. She proved a star pupit, One rainy afternoon Miss Applebee, the director of physical education of Vassar College, Dr Sargent and Dr. Tait Mackenzie were discussing the merits of American and English women athletes. Miss Applebee suggested field bockey as a measure, and was amazed to find that none of her com-panions understood or knew of the sport. The next afternoon Miss

The next afternoon Miss Applebee produced the first women's hockey game in the United States, played with a collection of ice hockey and shinty sticks, an indoor baseball and chalk lines in a concrete yard outside Harvard University gymnasium, She remained in the United

States and in 1904 was ap-pointed director of ourdoor sports at Bryn Mawr College, a post she held until 1928. In

Miss Constance Applebee, 1923 she established a hockey who introduced women's field camp at Mt Pocono, Pennsyl. bockey into the United States vania and brought out coaches in 1901, has died in Hampshire, from England. This arrange.

ment still exists today. She was a woman of great " visit of the Queen of the Belgians in 1919 to Bryu Mawr the demonstration game of bockey put on for the royal visitor began late as the light was fading. The ball was soon lost and a crisis loomed, but "the Apple" rushed onto the field "You silly asses," she cried "You silly asses, sue cried,
"lift your great feet and play!
Act as if you had the ball."
Until 1965 Miss Applebee
divided her time between England and the United States, In 1976, aged 94, she attended the International Federation of

Women's Hockey Associations & conference and tournament in West Germany and was appointed an honorary life member (overseas) of the All-England Women's Hockey Association. She was also interested in elderly people, and among the many charities she supported were clubs and homes for the elderly. She had a strong belief in Christian day to day living and the lessons of give and take, working with others, initiative, concentration, endurance, sportsmanship, friendship, frun and fitness.

For the past five or six years she lived alone, getting about her house and garden in an electric chair. She talked with a strong voice, and almost up to the end took an interest in what was going on in the world, West Germany and was appoin-

was going on in the world, though her sight was failing. She was a truly remarkable

SIR JOHN NICOLL

Sir Robert Black writes :-Friends of John Nicoll may, like myself, have felt that the obituary notice which appeared in The Times on Saturday did him less than justice. I served with John Nicoll in Trinidad, and followed him, much later, in post, first at Hongkong and then at Singapore; and I had the privilege of his friendship for many years. I saw what he had achieved at first hand.

Nicoli always penetrated to the heart of a problem and, in formulating policy, was not to be deflected from keeping the real issues in his sights. As, in addition, he had the gift of imaginative planning, it is not surprising that the results of for the Festival of Britain, his work are still to be seen, for instance, in Singapore, where he served 25 years ago.

At a time when the Crown

campaign against the com-munists. Nicoll grasped the nettle of the increasing pressure for self-government with typical firmness and perception. His direction was a most im-

portant factor in the setting up, in 1955, of the new Constitution to provide for an elected government, leading to the selfgovernment and eventual inde-pendence of a State which has established a remarkable re-cord of political stability and economic prosperity.

Nicoll was a man of firm in-tegrity, who was uncompro-mising where he suspected cor-ruption and impatient where he

suspected inefficiency. Although his downright comments some times led to accusations of intolerance, John Nicoll, behind an austere and sometimes remote manner, was, in fact, a At a time when the Crown shy, sensitive and kindly man, Colony was developing industrially as well as commercially, Those who knew him well saw think to be a distinguished sendant of the Crown of the drawn-out Malayan emergency vant of the Crown.

#### VISCOUNT AMORY In the past 20 years those

boats.

J. C. P. writes: Lord Amory's life was boats and their predecessors livided between so many separate compartments that it is boys from schools, community difficult for any one person to do justice to them all. For he groups, Sea Cadet units, and kept each compartment sepa-rate, and those who knew him in the context of one often knew surprisingly little of the

others.
One such compartment was kept for the young and the sea. It was understandable that the writer of your quite excellent obituary might not have known much of that compartment.
In 1960 Lord Amory started the trust which was later to be known as the London Sailing Project in has three large hoats

Project it has three large boats based at Gosport which are well known to those who sail from there, and much further afield. At the age of 80 he was still to be seen in one or other of the boats, for, even when he was then so lame, he still enjoyed, whenever he could, seeing the boats and those who sailed in them.

for those boys something which otherwise in all probability they would never have known. It enabled them to learn about themselves and their fellows those things which in a strange way only the sea can teach. They learned also the import-

other youth organizations. Most of them had never been to sea

before. Already many are them-

Lord Amory made possible

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ance of responsibility, team work, tolerance and integrity. Those above all were the qualities which he got the young to understand. Many of them would write to him afterwards to thank him. None who wrote ever failed to get a reply. The instinctive affection for the man who made it all possible was overwhelming.

#### ADMIRAL R. E. GODFROY

R.M.D. writes: As one who was deeply involved in the events fairly described in your obituary of Admiral R. E. Godfroy I feel that in justice to his memory some further comment is permissible. history that the enormous value

of the peaceful immobilization of the French fleet in Alexandria is doubtless forgotten, but at the time it was realized to be of vital importance. Had the negotiations failed there would have been a holocaust in Alexlife military and civilian and creation of a bitterness amongst the French surpassing even that over Mers-el-Kebir. That this did not occur was due to the temperate wisdom but iron firm-ness of Admiral of the Fleet the time of his death.

Viscount Cunningham (Admiral Sir Andrew at that time) coupled with the known complete integrity of Admiral Godfroy. The heart of the latter was entirely with the British (indeed his ships were barely back in harbour from active So swiftly do events fade into bombardment operations in company with the Mediterranean coast) but he felt that his loyalty to the French Govern ment must come first.

This view was highly contro-versial and in Admiral Cunningham's opinion wrongheaded and andria harbour, heavy loss of even obstinate but Godfroy was a man of highest principle and loyalty to what he believed to be right. This was appreciated and did much to make a solution possible. It seems proper that this should go on record at

#### MR JACK KNIGHTS

Mr Jack Knights, one of he had specialized in any one Britain's foremost yachtsmen class he would have achieved and yachting journalists, died world ranking, but Knights at his home in Cowes on never kept a boat long enough Britain's foremost yachtsmen and yachting journalists, died at his home in Cowes January 26. He was 51. Knights lived for vachting,

and was seldom far from the water, or, better still, was usually on it. His love of boats began at an early age in Suffolk, and his skill in a racing dinghy made him a valued member and officer of the Cam-University Cruising After graduating he spent a

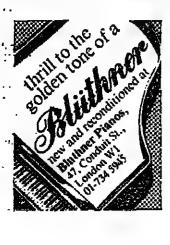
short time as an advertising copywriter in America, and then returned to London, combining copywriting with free-lance journalism. To oughout his 20s and 30s he raced a variety of small hoats, winning many national championships and international

There is little doubt that if offended.

Cotton Company Ltd (now part of Tootal) as a Cambridge daughter.

to become tired of it. The grass was always greener some where else, and both boats and fast cars were acquired and dis-posed of in quick succession. His appointment as yachung correspondent of the Daily Express allowed him to become a full-time vachting writer and his output was prodigious. He wrote several yachting books, and was in demand as a columnist in British and foreign magazines. He would not suffer fools or

pomposity, and he deligated in poking fun at authority. He was often critical of the yachting establishment, and sometimes unwisely pursued lost causes. But usually his wit and gift for persuasive argument would win over those he might have



Crannogs were artificial islands built in the loch as defended farmsteads on which the settlers could keep themselves and their carries are from wolves, bears, sheep-stealers, reevers and any other predators. They floated out timber rafts that were sunk in position, rather like latterday oil platforms, with a weight of earth, stones and bushwood. An easily defended gangway kinked the island with the shore.

Mr Dixon, who is directing the work, later explained that the craimogs in Loch Tay were discovered after a sailor reported that the keel of his boat had struck strange reefs near the shore. As underwater investigation began and a picture of the man-made islands was built up from material excavated.

Mr Dixon said: "They represent layers of history from the Broppe Age right up to medieval times. As one crannog settled into the water and sank, another was built on top so they represent the stones, a dome-shaped reef which 2,500 years ago was home to a community of ancient Britons. Nicholas Dixon's breathing appratus sends out a signal of silver hubbles. He is bolding a small piece of fern which he rubs in his fingers. The fern turns to powder and floats away. That piece of vegetation probably first saw daylight in the late Bronze Age. There are other subtle signs of ancient life. A stone with a hole word in the centre, no habity a word in the centre, probably a weight for a fishing net; a row of wooden stakes hammered into the bed of the loch, and a worn post probably used for tethering ani-

Winter sunshine filters in the bed of Loch Tay in a faint golden light. The water is still and intensely

against my diving suit. Rising from the hed of the loch is a mound of

cold, a freezing blanket pressit

We move to the edge of the nunken site where the loch bed falls away into brown darkness. Movement is awkward. Fins are not allowed for fear of stirring the silt and damaging the ancient remains. I stumble along holding large rock that prevents me sing to the surface and holds me

The mound is one of 17 crannogs in Loch Tay which underwater archaeologists from St Andrews University intend to examine.

#### Church news

Appointments Rev P. Birf, curain at Whites-diocese of Gloucester, to be in charge of Ruardean, same diocree.

The Rev C. J. Bradicy. Vicar of slass priest in change of Lichfield, to be also priest in change of Stanton upon time floath, same diocres.

The Rev J. N. Holcot, diocres of Priestorough, to be Vicar of Control The Rev J. N. Chubb, Vicar of the with Holtot, dioces of terborough, to be Vicar of St James, impton Hill. dideese of London.

The Rev P. D. Cooper, cullic of tristing the discovery of St Marks, with ampton, same diocese.

The Rev C. R. Cornwell, Vicar of Idlay, diocese of Lichfield, to be specified and sub-chanter of the chifield and sub-chanter of the thedral Church of Lichfield, same Newser. Cathedral Church of Lichfield, same discess.

Canon J. H. R. De Sausmarez, Vicar of St. Peter-in-Thanet. Broadstairs. Rival Dean of Thanet and an homorary canon of Canterbury Cathedral discess of Canterbury. The balso real canterbury to be also real canterbury. The control of the Canterbury of the control of the canterbury of the canon of th The Hey B J. Hopkinson, learn Mear in the Maciborough Team Ministry

and Rural Dean of Mariborough, diocese of Salisbury, to be team rector of Wimborne Minister and Holf St James Team Ministry... some diocese. Prob J. W. Jackson, religed, to be prebendary emeritue in the diocese of Lichfield. ischneid.

The Rev K. E. Jones, curate of Burkhursi Hill. Goorse of Chelmstord, to be feam Vicar in the major parison of Buckhursi Hill. with special responsibility for St. Stephens and St. Elisabeth's, same diocese.

The Rev N. C. Jones, Rector of Longnewian with Elion, and Rursi Dean of Stockton, dioceso of Durham to be also honorary canon of Durham Cathedral. to be also honorary canon of Durham Cathedral.

The Rev M. R. Kems. Vicar of St Timothy's. Crookes, Sheffield, diocose of Sheffield to be Vicar of St. Chad. Norton Woodseats. Sheffield. Sime diocose.

The Rev A. Lougin. Vicar of Kinder of St. Sheffield. Sime diocose.

The Rev A. Lougin. Vicar of Kinder of Saltsbury. Called the Timother Canon Comercius upon his religence.

The Rev B. G. Morecambe, diocese of Blackburn, to be Rector of St Wilfrids. Standsha, same diocese.

The Rev M. A. Palce. Vicar of Miscron with West Stockwith, diocese of Southwell. to be priest in charee of Southwell. to be priest in charee of Southwell. The Service of Southwell. The Rev Stockwith diocese of Edition of the Service of Christ Church. Chadderion. Als stand. Little Oncologies of Manchester, to be Learn Vicar in the Chell toam Ministry. diocese of Lichtlein.

The Rev J. D. D. Porter, Vicar of The Rev J. D. D. Porter, Vicar of fine Rev J D. D. Porter, Vicar of Rickerscoit, diocese of Lichijeld to be priest in charge of whitemore Mare and Chapel Choriton, same diocese The Rev A. G. Purcer, curate al Christ Church, Reckenham, diocese of Rochester, to be team, Vicar in the major parish of Barking with special

#### 25 years ago

Jan 27, 1956

Jamming of broadcasts Great Britain has, we think, neither in war nor in peace ever vet iammed the broadcasts of any other nation. Her moral strength has been great in consequence. She has been respected internationally as a guardian of the aether and has been acknowledged in broadcasting matters as a leader of far greater importance than her position as a power warranted. She disdained Mussolini's efforts before the war, hipler's efforts during the war, and Stalin's efforts after the war, and Stalin's efforts after the war. and Stalin's efforts after the war

of Salisbury Cathedral, is to every off April 30, Caston D. A. J. Stevens, Vicar of Salverton with Helidon, discress of Peterborough, to resum on Feb 9. to defeat her in the battle of From The Times of Friday, by truth; and other means found to combat any subversive to combat any subversive messages, Other nations jammed unwelcome matter, but not Britain. Russia's vast post-war jamming operation has been more than once stigmatized as a deplorable and retrograde operation born of a basic insecurity in the face of liberty of expression. Britain's strength has expression. Britain's strength has so far resided in the way her citizens—no matter where in the Commonwealth or Empire they may be and regardless of the stresses or strains to which they are hears subjected—are free to are being subjected—are free to listen or not as they wish to what-ever any other country decides to

York since early last year, is to open at the London Palladium on June 11 with Michael Crawford in the role of the circus proprietor,

Symposium: The WDR and the Arbeiterfilm, preceded by screening of an Arbeiterfilm not in NFT season, Goethe Institute, Princes Gate, 7.

Oxford

Cheetham, Mr Hugh Southworth, of Colemans Ratch, Sussex. £174,884 Constantine, Gladys Annetta, of Bournemouth, Dorset ... £243,597 Maplethorpe, Mr Dennis, of Bos-ton Lincolnshire £211,894 Neighbour, Mr Thomas Leslie, of Tring, Herifordshire ... £163,232 Simmons, Mr James, of Rother-ham, South Yorkshire, haulage proprietor £142,866 Thorp, Mr Leslie Burton, of Col-

University news Awards:
lane: Whits Kirkaldy Prize, H. W.
Dorkins, Wolfson College: 1980 Sars
Norton Easy Prize, D. B. Hirsch,
Christ Church: Weldon Memorial Prize,
Professor H. M. May department of
Nationy, Princeton: Patrick Mallam
Memorial Prize in clinical medicine,
Easy J. L. Ryan, St Hilds's College.
History, M. S. Hilds's College.
History M. College.
History M. D. Phil.
Falling assistant professor. department
of astrophysical sciences, Princeton.

London Sir Peter Medawar, FRS, has been appointed president of the Royal Postgraduate Medical

School, in succession to the Duke

## Science report

## Physics: New light on atomic nucleus

Washington

Those laws may have to be revised after experiments carried out at the University of California's Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, which involved studying the interactions between nuclei when they collide at energies approaching the speed of light. The experiments showed fast moving secondary fragments from the collision that appeared to be far more ready to collide with nuclei of other atoms than the particles in the trimary heam particles in the primary beam

of the research workers who made the discovery, Yasha J. Karant, said, "To explain our work we need something new."

The physicists set out to discover whether they could confirm an anareser in compactability set. an apparent incompatibility that had been persistently reported in

uuclei colliding with atoms in the emulsion and producing secondary nuclear fragments, whose subsequent paths were then measured. According to a report published in a recent issue of Physical Review Letters, the study of how such interactions took place provided good statistical evidence that over the first few centimetres from a nuclear interaction the projectile fragments showed significantly shorter mean free paths, the distance between collisions, than the paths derived for normal than the paths derived for normal beams carrying the same charge. At distances larger than three centimetres from the emission point the lengths of the mean free paths reverted to those that would

an Unexpectedly high reaction cross-section.

"We are not aware of explanations within the framework of conventional nuclear physics for the results of this experiment", they write. They add that all conceivable sources of blas in scanning were almost eliminated by the use of standard methods of observation, measurement and

By Our Theatre Reporter
Ronald Harwood's play The
Dresser, which ended a run of
nine months in the West End
earlier this month, yesterday received The New Standard award
for the best play of 1980, and
one of its stars, Tom Courtney,
won the prize for best parformance of the year by an actor.

Michael Frayn's Make and
Break was pronouoced best Courted, and Stephen Soudbelm's
Sweeny Todd the best musical.

Payrock, and Frances de la Tour,
in Duet for One, shared the award for best performance by an actress, while the sward for Dest
director went to Trevor Runn and
director went to Trevor Runn and
promising playwright for Not
Quite Jerusalem.

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The crannog sites are peculiar to Scotland and Ireland. They are further important because little was known of the transition period of Scottish history between the late

brouze Age and the Iron Age. It was an obscure moment in the Scottish archaeological record which the watery remains of the crannogs should help to illuminate.

responsibility for Chrisi Church. Thames View A. J. J. Reeres, Rector of Barby and Vicar of Kilsby, diocese of Peterborough, to be Vicar of Warmington, sante diocese.

St. Paul's, Bournemouth, diocese of Winchester, to be griest in charge of Winchester, to be griest in charge of Warmington, diocese of Bath and Wells. The Rev B. R. Beence, Vicar of Warmington diocese of Bath and Wells. The Rev B. R. Beence, Vicar of Warmington diocese of California to be Vicar of St. Mary's, East Grinstad. same diocese.

Retirements and resignations
The Rev F. M. Arovie, Rector of
Arinho with Newbottle and Chariton,
diocese of Peterborough, to resign,
Feb 28,
The Rev A. Derbyshire, Rector of
Herrow, diocese of Guidford, to

w, diocese of Guildford, so April 30 Rev C. V, E. Francis, Rector Icheat with East Pennard with dioceso of Bath and Wells, is

retro.

The Rev A. Loughn, Vicar of Kinland also non-residentiary canon
Salisbury Cathedral, is to retire

Loch Tay: Drowned ancient homes "We know from a variety of We know from a variety of dung, bones and teeth what am-mals were kept there and from seeds and pollen what they were fed. A spindle whorl has been reco-

Exhibitions: Drawing technique and purpose, Print Room Galleries, Victoria and Albert Museum, 10 to 5.50; Montegutoni by John Piper, Mariean Gallery, St George Street, Hanover Square, 10 to 5.30; New works by Carl Andre, implements suggest some leather-work. There is a lot of cereal pollen and insect larvae which help to add to our knowledge of exactly how people lived on these artificial islands", Mr Dixon said. Latest wills Latest estates include (net, before tax paid):

The investigation is claimed as the first of its kind. It is a prelim-inary excavation and another three years' work remain to be done delving through the submerged "It is better to do the work underwater. Immediately a site is drained everything begins to decay as the air bits it and the layers are as the air bits it and the layers are subjected to a crushing effect. Un-derwater, one man can move a heavy beam of timber alone with-out cansing disturbance or damage", he said.

Chester, Essex . £130,425 Young Mr Edward Patrick, of Kensington £273,110 Appeal tribunal Mr Justice Browne-Wilkinson has

heen appointed a judge of the Employment Appeal Tribunal.

itself.

be expected from normal beams,
According to the physicists, the
data are incompatible with a
homogeneous lowering of the
length of the mean free path, and require among the projectile frag-ments at least one component with an unexpectedly high reaction

not simply made from protons and neutrons, but have some other component. "Physicists now believe that

Source: Physical Review Letters, September 29: 1980 (vol 45, No 13).

County Surveyors' Society

Sir Peter Baldwin was guest of honour at the annual dinner of the County Surveyors' Society which was held at the Royal Amonobile Clieb last night. Mr E. W. Jinks. president, county surveyor of Mid. Glamorgan County Council, was in the chair. Others present included Sir Garvas Walker. Sir Peter Baldwin. County Councillor J. Smart. County Councillo. officials of the Of professional Institutions and local authority officers' associations.

Loriners' Company

Service dinner Headquarters Royal Air Force

Headquarters Royal Air Force Germany
Headquarters RAF Germany
Officers' Mess held a ladies' guest
might yesterday to mark the
occasion of the departure of SirOliver Wright, HM Ambassador to
the Federal Republic of Germany,
and Air Marshal Sir Peter Terry,
RAF, Commander 2 ATAF and C
in C RAF Germany, Group Captsin
V. B. Kendrick, RAF, was in the
chair.

The Broadway musical, Barnum,

Today's engagements .

Abthony d'Offay Gallery, Dering Street, New Bond Street, 10 to 5:30; Tata and Lyle collection of sugar dredgers, Gerrard's, Regent Street, 9 to 5:30. Talks: Violence in the poem, Wes Magee, The Poetry Society, Earls Court Square, 7:30; Emlegration and the background to the discontent: The inter/post war years, Harlesden Library, Craven Park Road, 7; The raising of the Mary Rose, Margaret Rule, Royal Society of Arts, John Adam Street, 6; Idoma Art—Nigeria, Mrs Sidney

The physicists, four from LBL, one from the Ganadian National Research Council, and a sixth from the Philipps University in Germany, are carrying out further experiments to elucidate the characteristics of the characteristics of the characteristics. characteristics of the short mean characteristics of the short mean-free-path omponents of the inter-actions. They are also hoping for a theoretical breakthrough to hip to explain their results. "It would be fantastic if we have seen some new form of highly reactive matter", Dr Heckman says.

"Physicists now believe that haryons are made from smaller particles called quarks. In my approach a number of haryons have given up their identity and formed a larger quark bundle. One of the objects of our current experiments is to find out if this approach, or any of the others, is the right one", Dr. Carrett Says,

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Looking to the future: A at the unveiling. It marks commemorative plaque cover- the centre of the Dome of ing a time capsule containing Discovery which was built artifacts spanning 10,000 years being unveiled yesterday by Sir Horace Cutler (right), leader of the Greater

the thirtieth anniversary of the Festival, the 20 years to London Council. The plaque the next millennium in Januin Jubilee Gardens on the ary, 2001, and the launching South Bank was donated by of the United Nations Water the British Steel Corpora Decade. The event was rion's Stainless Steel Division. organized by the World Mr Raymond Douglas, its Association for Celebrating Mr Raymond Douglas, its director, is with Sir Horace Year 2000. Kasfar, Africa Centre, King Street, 6.30. Lunchtime music: Dorothy Mad-

dison, soprano, Ellen Porter, piano, and Susan Heath-Pinder, organ, St. Olave, 1.05; Organ, organ, St. Olave, 1.05; Organ, recital by Richard Townend, St. Margaret Lothbury, 1.10; Hilary Bendy, piano, Holy Sepulchre, 1.15; Andrew Ball, piano, St. Martin-within-Ludgate, 1.15.

and its unveiling celebrates

Memorial Requiem Mass: High Commissioner for Maita, West-minster Catheoral, 11.15.

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Medical Research Council: \$24,700 to
Dr J. D. Horton to investigate the
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lymphocyte reactivity: A phylogenetic

From David Dickson

As conventionally understood, the nucleus of the atom is made

oxygen atom, in the other from from The nuclei were accelerated to an energy of 2 gev, thereby approaching the speed of light, inside two coupled particle accelerators.

The accelerated beams were then directed at photographic plates, leaving images through their reaction with the emulsion that can be studied under a microscope. The images showed the scope. The images showed the nuclei colliding with atoms in the

collision, and this is very un-

Mr R. F. Audsley, chairman graduate and was appointed to of Tootal Ltd, died-on January the board in 1965. In 1976 he 17, at the age of 55, Audsley was appointed managing director and in June 1979, chairman. He leaves a widow, son and

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# **BUSINESS NEWS**

Alberta set to turn off the taps, page 19

M Stock markets FT Ind 467.4, up 5.5 PT Gilts 69.04, up 0.18

■ Sterling 52,40475, down 118 pts Index 81.2, up 0.2

Dollar Index 88.0, up 0.2 DM2.0720, up 178 pts

**B** Gold \$517.50, down \$12

Money

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#### -MNEBRIEF

#### Curbs on commodities and gold in Bahrain

business has made it the finan-cial centre of the Gulf, is to introduce tighter controls on gold and commodity brokers.

Mr Ibrahim Abdul-Karim, Bahrain's finance minister, said yesterday that the new regula-tions could include capital requirements, financial guarantees from head offices, and the quality of staff.

The new regulations will be drawn up and enforced by the Behrain Monetary Agency, the island state's central bank. Its powers can be extended to all financial institutions, although so far they have mainly applied

In future, commodity brokers will have to be approved by the agency, and existing companies will have to meet the same

#### ATV diversification

ATV. the Midlands commercial television company, will lodge proposals to diversify its shareholdings by the end of the week. The company, which is owned by Lord Grade's ACC, has been told by the Independent Broadcasting Authority to reduce its shareholding to 51 per cent and find a new name in order to retain its franchise.

#### £10m investment trust

New Darien Oil Trust, a £10m investment trust is to come to the market next month through an offer for subscrip-tion of 10 million shares at 100p. Clients of Phillips & Drew. brokers to the issue, will apply for five million shares. ve million shares.
Financial Editor, page 19 Dollar rises

#### Chinese accountancy

Coopers & Lybrand, the international accounting firm has been authorized to work in China under regulations introduced in November last year. will be the first foreign accountancy group to do so,

#### MFI profits cut

MFI, the cut price formiture retailer, saw its interim pre-tax profits cut by more than a third to £4.9m. This was despite a boost in sales from £56m to £90m, largely from the acquisition of the Status Discount chain large was nespite chain last year.

Financial Editor, page 19

#### £60m road savings

Savings of up to £60m a year for the United Kingdom road transport industry—lorries. rans, and buses—could be achieved by fitting unbreakable external mirrors, according to Spafax, the industrial components group.

#### Italian steel posts

The Italian Government has begun to tackle the crisis in the public sector steel industry by appointing Signor Mario Costa as chairman, and Signor Sergio Magliola as managing director, of Italsider, Italy's biggest steel-

#### Wall Street higher

The Dow Jones industrial average closed 10.58 points up at 949.49. The \$-SDR was 1.25846. The £ was 0.521209.

# Industry outlook still bleak despite slowdown of recession

Management Correspondent

Prospects for manufacturing ndustry continue to be very bleak, according to the Con-federation of British Industry's interpretation yesterday of its latest business trends survey.

Mr James Cleminson, chairman of the CBPs economic situation committee, said: "Our only consolation from the present survey is that things are geiting worse more slowly ". The survey confirms that a definite easing in the rate of decline has occurred in the last

However, Mr Cleminson said: that company orders, output and employment were all worse than they were when the last survey—described as the "blackest ever"—was carried out in October. The position is expected to deteriorate further divine the new contracts.

during the next quarter. CBI leaders are still trying to convince government ministers of the damage which the high sterling exchange rate is causing to industry. They are continuing to plead for a further cut in minimum lending rate. They take no comfort from the survey findings which show that the proportion of manu-facturers who are pessimistic about business prospects has dropped from 58 per cent in October to 33 per cent.

Investment continues to be very weak indeed, said Mr Cleminson. Since there is an average delay of 12 months between authorization for investment and expenditure, the impact of the recession inevitably will continue well into 1982. The CBI forecasts a fall of 15 per cent in manufactur-ing investment during 1981, with the decline continuing at the same rate to the middle of 1982,

Uncertainty about demand and inadequate return on new investment are the two main reasons given by manufacturers for curbing their capital expenditure.

Mr Clemiusou says it is not surprising that investment in-tentions remain at an extremely low level since real profit-ability (excluding North Sea oil business) is expected to fail

## to sign computer convention By Kenneth Owen Technology Editor

The British Computer Society

The council is due to open the convention for signature today. Norway, Sweden, Den-mark and France have each en-acted legislation and are ready

bourg are in a position to sign and are considering their posi-tion. The remaining countries.

systems.

The British Computer Society said that Britain had a well-deserved reputation in the development and application of technology. But it computer technology. But it had fallen behind in establishing control, and direction over the way personal information was used. This could inhibit the continued development of com-

development.
"In particular, there is an in-

"We must be able to demonstrate to our European partners that we are able to protect their data when it is handled in the United Kingdom."

tection, Committee had made recommendations on this in December 1978, but no action had been taken. The initiative of the Council of Europe presents an opportunity for the United Kingdom to join the International movement for data protection, and the British Computer Society recommends that the United Kingdom declares its intention to sign the convention", the society.

trols would have to be intro-duced in the management of oil business) is expected to fall month's Suggest smaller falls, data by user organizations to 2 per cent or less during.

Despite effectively static exporters of port prices, 81 per cent of while some sectors have improved, order books generally relative to those of overseas are weak, with 75 per cent of competitors as a constraint to manufacturers assessing their new contracts.

# UK urged

has called on the Government to declare its intention to be a party to the Council of Burope's "Convention on the protection of individuals with regard to automatic processing of per-

Austria, Germany and Luxem-

including Britain, have not yet enacted legislation in this area. The convention sets a basis for introducing parallel legislation throughout Europe to pro-tect the privacy of personal in-formation in the age of com-puter - based information

Mr Cleminson : investment still "very weak". puting techniques in support of economic, social and political

in particular, there is an increasing amount-of-deta flow-ing between countries, and the United Kingdom must show it-self willing and able to co-operate with its international partners in such activities. it

the growth in costs, with a consequent squeeze on profit-ability. Export orders and deliveries have weakened but This would mean that conexpectations for the next four months suggest smaller falls.

# Mr Reagan signals big cut in taxes

Washington, Jan 26

Eig tax cuts will be announced by President Resgan in an economic policy message to the Congress on February 17 or 18, according to Mr Donald Regan, Secretary of the Trea-

He said the Administration's economic strategy would consist of cutting taxes, sharply reducing public spending and securing stable monetary policies. It would be a "bold, became a bold, became a bold innovative economic plan ", he told the appropriations committee of the Senate today.

Mr Paul Volcker, chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, appeared to support the new Administration's plans in testimony before the same commit-tee today. He stressed that "I see no alternative to continued restraint of excessive money and credit growth if we are to break the inflationary momentum. If that momentum is not broken, interest rates will remain high indefinitely."

Mr Regan and Mr David

stressed to the senators that the government regulation of business. As a first step the White House intends to eliminate oil price controls, a move that will swiftly see a rise of about 12 cents on a gallon of petrol from the present price of about Oil price controls are already being phased-out and they were due to end by September. De-

control is seen as raising prices to the consumer to world market levels and so strength-ening conservation, while at the same time offering better income incentives to domestic oil producers.

Mr Regan asserted that the Administration has no doubt at all that providing incentives to business and individuals to work harder will swiftly require inflation and secure accounts. inflation and secure economic

business and individual tax cuts are planned. Capital gains taxes may be reduced and greater tax depreciation allowances for

board tax cuts were more effective than selective ones as the markets are far better in alloca-ting resources than the government. He expected between one half and two thirds of the inand that under consideration are plans to increase the amount of interest on savings that people can earn free of tax.

Mr Stockman said that current fiscal year government spending was running at 23.3 per cent of gross national pro-duct and the Administration was determined to reduce the level in the next few years to 20 per cent.

Mr Regan said the Budget would be balanced within two years, by the 1983 fiscal year, and that there would be a significant budget surplus in four years. The Treasury said today that the Budget deficit in December narrowed to \$7,300m from \$8,879m in November.

Mr Voicker gave warning that tax cuts not matched by spending cuts could prove to.

be highly inflationary. Mr Reagan said such precise match-ing was not contemplated, but that the Administration viewed tax cuts and spending cuts as port of a combined economic strategy with both being essential to restore American economic health.

I do not think we can sus-tain \$60,000m (£25,000m) and \$70,000m budget deficits year after year without ruining this country the President said.

Mr Stockman told the com-mittee that the new programme of tax cuts, spending cuts, stable monetary policies and regulatory reform, would be announced clearly to send unambiguous signals throughout the United States and world accommend a major change in economy of a major change in the principles and the frame-work of financial and economic

The officials asserted that a close relationship was being forged between the administration and the Central Bank and that fiscal policies would fully support the anti-inflation policies of the Federal Reserve.

## Bank union says 8 pc is 'derisory'

The threat of possible industrial action by 16,500 staff in Trustee Savings Bank branches and offices emerged yesterday when management angered union negotiators with an 8 per cent offer in response to a claim of more than 20 per cent.

Banking Insurance and Finance Union (BIFU) negotiators rejected the offer. Talks will be resumed on Pebruary 20 after a management board meeting the previous day to consider whether to improve on the 8 per cent.

Last night, however, Mr William Whiteman, the union's assistant secretary with responsibility for TSB, where the union has a large majority in membership, said: "The offer is so derisory that although our normal recourse is such circumstances is to so to arbitration stances is to go to arbitration we would possibly have to con-sider industrial action." The question however, of

whether any proposal for industrial action might be put to members at TSB, which the union claims enjoyed an un-audited 9 per cent increase in pre-tax profits last year, would undoubtedly await the outcome



Mr Leif Mills: Single-figure "just not on".

The talks come at a sensitive time however, because the banking unions are due to open talks on a closely similar claim with the Federation of London Clearing Bank Employers to-

morrow.

Mr Leif Mills, general seccretary of BIPU, which represents 70,000 of the 200,000 on the staffs of the English clearing banks, said last night that it would be "ludicrous" if the union was to receive a similar offer from the employers on

Union officials fear privately, while acknowledging that they have no hard evidence, that there may have been informal contact between TSB, the Eaglish clearing banks and the Federation of Scottish Clearing Bank Employers, over this year's pay round.

Negotiations are due to open

Negotiations are due to open on February 17 with the Scottish banks, where it represents directly 14,000 of the 24,000 traff. The settlement date is February 21 at TSB and April 1 in the Scottish and English clearing banks.

Mr Mills said last night:

"We hope very much that we do not go through the charade on Thursday of being made another single figure offer which frankly is just not on." The claim at TSB also em-braces a one-hour reduction

braces a one-hour reduction in the working week to 35 hours, and a continuation of the company's Christmas bonus payment. The company said vesterday that it was prepared to concede the latter point but not a reduction in hours.

It believed its offer was a reasonable one, given the general economic climate, the financial objectives of the bank and the current level of inand the current level of in-

#### Oilmen take a swing at the Royal and Ancient The Royal and Ancient Golf

Club, at St Andrews, Fife, has been included in an area licensed to Premier Consolidated Oilfields, an independent exploration company, to search for onshore oil and gas. But the Royal and Ancients

golfers need be neither dis-mayed at the prospect of ten-gallon hatted Texaus invading their bunkers with theodolites and drilling gear nor secretly delighted at the prospect of a potential gusher on the 18th For a start, the exploration licence allows only very limited drilling—down to 350 metres—and is essentially confined to seismic work. The permission of landowners is required before any exploration, even if it is only testing the underlying geology from the surface, is permitted, and planning coa-sents also have to be acquired from local authorities.

But perhaps more impor-tantly, the St Andrews area is not the section of the licenced ground in which Premier is most interested. Its exploration experts reckon that the coast along the Firth of Forth is the most likely to posses the underlying anticline structure which stands the best chance of con-taining oil or gas. Another group eleeady has a production licence to drill on the other side of the bay. Exploration, however, is an unpredictable science and as a

wag in the Department of Energy suggested, a green is the ideal place to site a rig-relatively flat, clear of obstruc-tion, and with a hole already

Altogether eight onshore exploration licences were awarded by the Government. Among them are parts of North York-shire and Humberside, including some beautiful countryside on the North Yorkshire moors and the coast near Whitby.

Shell, Clyde Petroleum, Taylor Woodrow and Amoco are among

the licence holders.
Interest in onshore exploration has increased greatly since

and Ancient, however, and its golfers, can sleep easily.

Nicholas Hirst

## Food group goes to market for £45m

By Peter Wainwright

Associated Dairies, the £450m.

in the proportion of one to

The issue is designed to raise £45m after expenses. Brokers to the issue are Scrimgeout,

The group opened London's first large superstore at Park Royal last October.

However, fewer than half a dozen of the superstores are in the south of England where planning permission is hard to get. The one at Park Royal has a selling area of 48,000 square feet on one floor besides parking for 600 cars. But the store at the Aston Villa football ground is 78,000 square test.

The group plans to build six to eight superstores a year, but the cost of building and scar-city of sites mean that it will probably spend £150m between now and April, 1983. It is also refurbishing stores and building

November last, Associated lifted turnover from £448.08m £598.59m. Most of this,

But Allied Retailers saw profits fall from £4m to £1.25m.
Wades Departmental Stores had profits of £705,000 against £536,000.

In addition, Asia Superstores was slowed down by the cost of opening an immusually large number of outlets. So the result was that pre-tax profits of the group as a whole only moved from £22.54m to £22.76m.

Parts of Allied Retailers are still suffering from the recession, but the rest of the group is expected to put up a resilient

is expected to put up a resilient performance in the second half. It has to be seen whether this money raising will lead to spate of others. Associated Dairies is highly-regarded by the stock market which is not necessarily the case with other cash hungry groups.

· Financial Editor, page 19 sive growth.

#### Call to ease HP controls on vehicles By Roman Eisenstein

Mr John Little, chairman of the Finance Houses Association, last night called for a relaxation of credit controls on sales of cars. Since December 1973 buyers of private cars on hire purchase contracts have had to pay one third deposit and repay the debt within two years. Speaking at the association's annual dinner, he said that "no clear public statement has ever

been made on why private cars should be singled out for such extraordinary treatment".

Mr Little suggested that term

controls on private cars could be amended to 25 per cent deposit with a three-year repayment. This would help the motor industry and car com-ponents manufacturers.

Mr Little, who is also chair-man of Lloyds and Scottish, called for equal status for finance houses and banks under the 1979 Banking Act. While the Bank of England had said that the differences between the two were merely based on the range of facilities offered and not on financial standing or financial strength, "there has been evidence that the draftsmen of some recent legislation have read a different interpretation into the Act".

Mr Little said high interest rates were having particularly bad effects on small companies.

He welcomed recent cuts in interest rates but said that further reductions were essential before "real and lasting benefits could be felt. Pointing to official efforts to control the money supply. Mr Little said finance houses were

in no way responsible for exces-

## Mr Nassar may make Inveresk counterbid

Mr Edward Nassar, the international businessman, who holds 14 per cent of Inveresk the troubled papermakers said yesterday that he was considering a counterbid to the £7.1m offer from Georgia-Pacific Corporation, of Portland, Oregon, which makes and distributes forest products and has oil and natural gas interests.

Speaking from his home in Lausanne, Switzerland, Mr Nassar said that he was looking at three options: accepting the Georgia-Pacific offer, keeping a minority stake or increasing it, and bidding for the whole of

Georgia-Pacific's terms, revealed last week are shares in Georgia Pacific, cash or a com-bination, equivalent to 35 an Inveresk share. Mr Nassar said: "I honestly think it is very cheap." He complained that shareholders were being kept in the dark. "I feel we should be

given much more information." In 1979 Inveresk made a pretax profit of £526,000. But in discus the first half of last year it lost limina £1.6m, and a precondition of the Georgia-Pacific offer is that from.

£7m. Mr Nassar seid: "I don't think it is as bad as that. They have got a new plant in Scotland which surely can be put right. The company is backed by a lot of property. In the last accounts Inveresk's invest-ment properties were valued at

Mr Nassar, who has interests in five countries, suggested that the property interests could be separated from papermaking. He said: "If the papermaking were better managed, both parts could be profitable."

But Mr Nassar said that he

was unlikely to make a move until he had seen the full offer document, due to be published in a few weeks time. Mr Tom Corrigan, chairman of Inveresk, said he had heard nothing from Mr Nassar. Georgia-Pacific sales in 1979 were \$5,200m (£2,157m) pro-Capitalization is around

\$2.500m. Mr Nassar is confident that he can raise the finance for a bid. But he emphasizes that discussions are still in the preliminary stage, and did not say where the money would come

British Gas discovered a second reservoir at Wytch Farm, Dorset, which has confirmed a field the size of smaller accumulations in the North Sea.

Even relatively small finds, can, at oil prices of \$39 a barrel, prove commercial. The Royal

## Chemical industry faces overtime ban

A move to ban overtime throughout the chemical industry to counter job cuts and plant closures came yesterday from members of the General workers wants the union to seek talks with other unions in the industry to perform members of the General stands them to follow their lead. try to counter job cuts and plant closures came yesterday from members of the General and Municipal Workers Union. The decision now goes to the union's national executive who are almost certain to give it their backing.

A two-day conference of dele-

HOUSE OF FRASER: THE LARGEST SHAREHOLDERS

percentage of

Holder

This could affect 340 chemi-

union's national organiser for the industry, said members who took industrial action to resist enforced redundancies would ger official backing.

He said many companies were using the recession as an excuse to cut deeper into the labour force.

# Rowland ally for Sir Hugh Fraser at crucial meeting

The crucial meeting of the 15 directors of the House of Fraser this morning, at which Sir Hogh expects a boardroom coun to vote him out as chairman, will be attended by Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland, his new ally.

It is understood that this will be one of the few Fraser board meetings which Mr Rowland has attended in person since he was deposed as non-executive deputy chairman of Britain's as non-executive deputy channal of britain's largest stores group by Professor Roland Smith last August. Lord Duncan Sandys, the other Lourho nominee, will be represented by Mr Paul Spicer, a fellow Lourho director-

The new friendship between Sir Hugh and Mr Rowland—at loggerheads until last Thursday when they agreed that public quartels costing shareholders an estimated film had been all a misunderstanding represents a commanding force in terms of shareholding Together they can influence 33.5 per cent of the total Fraser equity and its is estimated that personal loyalty from smaller shareholders

inmediately after the reconciliation, Mr Spicer said that Lonzho would now back Sir Hugh as chairman and wanted to work together in the best interests of the House of Fraser. Sir Hugh has already said that if he loses

to the Fraser family could give them a further



total equity 29.99 Lonnho Fraser Trusts National Coal Board Pension Fund British Rail Pension Fund 1.67 Mr "Tiny" Rowland: a rare Legal & General Assurance 1.63

Prudential Corporation Pension Funds took place before last Tuesday's special shareholders' meeting, at which it is namer in an American-style proxy, battle. Twice in the past seven months, Sir Hugh

> stood to be heading a number of funds wishing to meet members of the Fraser board.

understood disquiet was expressed over Mr Hugh Jenkins, director general of the National Coal Board Pension Pund, is under-

Midland Bank Trust

(major banks)

Post Office Pension Fund

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is really trying to organize it." Mr Jenkins was unavailable for comment. At least one institution, British Reil, has made it clear to the Fraser board that it was uncomfortable" at giving support to Sir

It is understood that a number of pension funds gave qualified support in an attempt to fend off Loprho, but said they were not happy

with the running of the company. Most believe that there is no quick cure for Fraser and to blame one man by dismissing him is not the answer. Opion is divided on whether Sir Hugh should go.
Few feel that S. G. Warburg, the group's

merchant bankers whose future is also up for discussion; today should be dismissed. One fund manager said: "Clearly changes are needed at Fraser, and Warburg's have been in long enough to know what is happening and have assessed what is best for the company. To change advisers now would merely delay the timing of the changes needed."

The insurance company shareholders say they are "watching the situation closely".

Meanwhile, today's meeting could create a problem for Harrods—Sir Hugh is due to resume the chairmanship of the Fraser subsidiary at the end of the month.

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The dollar soured in late trading on the news that the United States government had

But sterling's effective ex-change rate index, measured against a basket of major curagainst a basket of major cur-rencies, ended the day up 0.2 at 81.2. This reflects the pound's strength against Euro-pean currencies. In addition, sterling's late losses against the dollar may not have been fully accounted for at the time-the

Both the pound and the dollar gained support yesterday from switching out of gold. The metal fell a further \$12 in London in account. don in reaction to Monday's sharp drop.
The pound is an attractive currency to hold, with high in-

and a large current account surplus on the balance of payments.
The main factors underpinning the American currency are high interest rates and ex-

The strength of these two currencies contrasts with the continuing weakness of the Deutsche mark.

## strongly in late trading

united States government had ended oil price controls and announced tex and public spending cuts. Having been steady against the American currency for most of the day, the pound gave ground to close 118 points down at \$2.40475.

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terest rates relative to European levels, North Sea oil

pectations of rises in the near

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#### Leeds-based food retailing group which spent \$37.5m. on buying the Allied Retailers carpets and furniture business, is the first group this year to test the stock market for new

workload at below normal

There has been no change in

the 84 per cent of companies who report that they are work-

ing below capacity. This repre-

sents the highest incidence of

below-capacity working since

the survey was introduced in

1958, However it represents the

first check to the rapid spread

of under-utilization since July

to be reduced at a rapid rate

32 per cent of companies still

consider their stocks of finished

goods to be more than adequate.

have been a somewhat better figure on destocking, Mr

Cleminson said. "We must recognize that there are to be

further sharp reductions in stock and that the bottom of

the recession will not be signalled until this occurs."

achieved through price cuts. Many manufacturers are hold-ing price increases well below

Stock reductions are being

"I had hoped there might

While stocks are continuing

Advised by Baring Brothers. the merchant bankers, it is pro-posing to issue 30.27 million new ordinary shares at 154p.a. share to ordinary shareholders

Kemp-Gee.
Associated Dairies is noted for its string of Asda superstores, units of at least 25,000 square feet of selling space with car parks on the same level. The group now has 59 of these huge stores, mostly in the north of England.

up Allied Carpet Stores and Allied Fresh Foods. In the 28 weeks to mid

E532.38m, came from Associated Dairies which hoisted trading profits from £17.74m to £21.33m.

In addition, Asda Superstores



today, it is likely that there will be another special shareholders' meeting to fight out the

has been victorious by a handsome majority in fending off Loarho's public attacks. It is reckoned in the City that the two are virtually unstoppable now that they have joined forces. But if Sir Hugh and Mr. Rowland are reconciled, there are dark rumblings from some of the pension funds and insurance companies whose holdings in Fraser account for about 40 per cent of the total equity, and whose combined stakes are worth £72m.

A meeting of the National Association of

Sir Hugh says he has been contacted by the Post Office Pension Fund and the Lucas Works Pension Trust, owners of 533,360 shares.

But the Post Office denied yesterday that it was seeking a meeting and a spokesman for the Lucas fund said: "I just don't want to comment. There seems to be confusion over who

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PRICE CHANGES

Rates for small denormation bank notes only as supplied yesterday by Barclays Benk International Lid. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency

## Zimbabwe buys SA bank stake

The South African controlling shareholding in Rhobank, one of the three main banks in Zimbabwe, is to be bought by the government for about Z\$26m (about £16m).

The purchase of the entire 61 per cent share held by the Johannesburg-based Nedbank Group: was an important step, significantly reducing the foreign control of the Zimbabwean banking industry", Senator Enos Nkala, the minister of finance, told a press

conference.

The deal is the second this month involving the takeover of South Africad interests in Zimbabwe, On January 3 it was announced that the Argus Com-pany's holding in the country's press had been bought and would be taken over by a

#### Montedison decision

Signor Mario Schimberni, chairman of Montedison, has ignored government appeals and union threats of strikes and confirmed Italy's largest perro-chemical group will keep to plans to dismiss between 8,500 and 9,000 employees, or about 20 per cent of the workforce.

#### Car imports warning

Mr Lane Kirkland, the AFL-Mr Lane Kirkland, the AFL-CIO president, told Japanese labour officials in Tokyo that car imports were "a principal cause of the United States auto industry castrophe" and steps to halt the flow of im-ports were "essential to the future economic health of the United States".

#### Bonn complaints

Several member states of he European Community, primarily France and Italy, are blocking imports of West German goods by using practices that are illegal under EEC rules. Deutsches Industrie und Handelstag, the West German chamber of industry and trade, claim in a letter to the Com-

#### Danish economic plan

Denmark's industry federation presented a plan to Mr Anker Jürgensen, the Prime Minister, aimed at improving the country's competitiveness and balancing its current account by 1987. The plan calls for wage increases to be kept 5 per cent below those of Denmark's trading partners

#### Asian growth report

Asian economies will continue to be among the fastest growing in the world this year, with real gross national product growth averaging 4.8 per cent compared with 5.1 per cent in 1980, Chemical Bank in Singapore said in a report on economic trends of 13 Asian countries.

#### Bonn interest rates

Herr Hans Matthöfer, the Bonn finance minister, says that West Germany cannot lower its interest rates while rates in the United States remain high. But he added he did not believe that America would be able to stick to high interest rates for much longer.

#### French car sales

French car sales held up much better last year than in many other markets, but started slipping rowards the end of the year, the Auto Manufacturers' Association said in Paris, For the whole of 1980, new regis-trations of private cars totalled 1,873,185, or only 5.2 per cent less than in 1979, a record year

#### Chinese population

China's population growth rate declined slightly in 1980, the Communist Party newspaper People's Daily has reported. The rate dropped from 11.7 per 1,000 in 1979 to less than 11 per 1,000. It did not still per 1,000 in 1979 to less than 11 per 1,000. not give actual population figures, but that growth rate would have meant a 1980 increase of about 10.7 million.

#### Japanese loans

The hig four Japanese securities houses have storted to raise dollar impact loans through Japanese banks under the amended foreign exchange law which lifted controls over such loans, securities sources said in Tokyo. To date they have raised an estimated \$200m (£34m).

#### Indonesian credit

Indonesia and a group of 11 European banks led by Société Générale ef Paris have signed commercial export credit agreements in Jakarta totalling 910m French francs (nearly 533m) for Jakarta's proposed new airport.

#### Mexican Euroloan

Banco Nacional de Credito Rural of Mexico is well on the way to completing syndication of its eight-year, \$350m (nearly £145m) Euroloan after having formed an underwriting group of between 15 and 20 banks,

Turkish devaluation Turkey has devalued its lira against the dollar and six other key currencies by between 2.96 and 4.49 per cent. The biggest devaluation was against the pound sterling, which went up from 210.12 to 219.57 lira.

#### 45,000 redundancies in December bring 1980 total to highest on record

# Job losses show no sign of easing

By Patricia Tisdall

both the Department of Employment and the Confederation of British Industry. The total number estimated by the Department of Employment to have been made redundant in December is 45,000, showing a continuation of the abnormally high levels recorded since the

The figures, based on returns from the Employment Service Division, take the total for 1980 to 491,400, more than three times higher than the preceding year's total and the highest on record.

The main sectors affected during the month mechanical engineering, other metal goods, textiles and build-ing which together account for 36 per cent of the total.

The CBI yesterday predicted that very sharp falls in employ-ment in manufacturing industry would continue, at present levels for at least another four months, Its economists forecast that in the eight months between September 1980 and May 1981, manufacturing industry will have shed between 350,000 and 500,000 jobs.

The CBI's latest quarterly urvey of industrial trends survey of industrial trends shows that 74 per cent of manufacturers have cut down the numbers they employ during the past four months and 61 per cent expect to make further employment cutbacks during the next four months. The 1,812 companies which

participate in the survey collectively employ about three million workers and produce nearly half the country's manufactured exports. Among the latest threats of job losses were those announced by five companies yesterday. About 100 people are expected

to be made redundant at

Thomas Forman & Sons, the Norringham printers.

management Correspondent its carton operations with There is no sign of any easing in job losses, according to ford, Essex in the same group estimates issued yesterday by both the Department of Forman makes cartons for the The company is to combine cosmetics pharmaceutical and

confectionery industries. C I Autohomes of Poole, Dorset, announced 60 redundancies among hourly-paid workers involved in the manufacture of motor caravans. Mr Ian MacPherson, the managing. director, blamed the Government's economic policies and

the world recession. Flying Tigers, an American based cargo airline, is to make "substantial," redundancies among its 200 workers at

Heathrow airport.

Mr Clifford Foss, the airline's general manager, said the redundancies were peces-sary because of "a general fall-off in business and because we have lost one or two contracts. Business is very low at the moment due to the reces-

He refused to say exactly how many staff would lose their jobs because talks were still going on with the unions.
"It is a very sensitive situation and it is very sad to have to announce redundancies," At Terex at Newhouse, Lan-

arkshire there have been cutbacks involving early retirement by 40 management and stail, and a reduction of 55 bourly-paid jobs is expected to be achieved by "natural wast-age" rather than involuntary redundancy. The plant was formerly owned by General Motors but was taken over earlier this mouth by IBH Hold-

The Perkins diesel engine company at Peterborough is laying off 800 production workers this week because of reduced demand for engines. The latest figures show that 595,500 are suporpted by the Government's temporary short time working compensation scheme, little change on the

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## BL pledge to hold redundancies at 10,000

By Edward Townsend The 10,000 job reductions among BL's labour force of 140,000 this year should be achieved without recourse to a new redundancy programme.
BL executives will convey this message to union leaders when they meet to discuss the company's four-year corporate plan after the Government's decision this week to inject a further £990m of state funds

into the loss-making group.

The company promised the unions there would be an opportunity for full discussions once the plan was approved and these are expected to take place - within the next few

four main parts of BL Cars, Leyland Group (commercial vehicles), Land Rover and Unipart (components), they will face renewed pressure for additional manpower cuts which will boost job losses to well over 10,000.

Since Sir Michael Edwardes took over as chairman of BL three years ago, the company has shed 52,000 workers in its United Kingdom operations, half of them last year, and regards reductions in staff this year as one of the chief measures it can adopt to cut costs. reeks.

BL estimates that it loses working for five-months, said

There is bound to be concern between 2,000 and 4,000 em- yesterday they believed a

in the unions, however, that ployees through natural wastwaen the company has completed its restructuring into the one of the main methods of cutting the payroll in 1981.

In addition, there is the departure of the 2,000 white collar workers whose redundancies have already been announced, and further known cutbacks of about 1,800 workers at Leyland Vehicles and Coventry Climax which will take effect next mouth.

Another 2,800 people will lose their jobs with what now appears to be the certain closure of the BL vehicle assembly plant at Seneffe near Mons Union sources at the factory, which has been on shorz time working for five-months, said

BL board in London tomorrow. Another 2,500 jobs can be written off when negotiations are completed for the sale of the Prestcoid commercial refugeration business to Suter Electrical, the Lancashire com-pany in which Mr David Abell, former managing director of Leyland Vehicles, is a big share-

Over the four years of the corporate plan, BL has earmarked £320m for extraordinary and exceptional expenditure. It said: "Most of this will seems in the arrival and arrival and arrival and arrival arrival arrival and arrival arri this will occur in the early part of the plan period to cover restructuring - including the redundancy programme and redundancy profactory closures."

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Examining industrial training

Sir, The Centre for Policy Studies, the Conservative re-search organization, is as entitled as anyone in a democracy to advocate the adolition of my board. Its view about training boards is as relevant or irrelevant to the review of industrial training now taking place as anyone else's.

What I strongly question is the depth and method of their research before coming to the unsurprising conclusion them—that all 24 IIBs should be abolished im-

The consequences of

the turning wheel

From Sir Kenneth Corley ...

Sir, Mr D. G. Galvin (Letters, January 16) has pur his finger right in the centre of the bot-test and most important prob-

lem we have on our plate. We shall, and we should continue to have two million "unemi

ployed "for ever, although they will be different persons and differently named. If all the present unemployed just go

back to work as they were a couple of years ago it will be a measure of our inefficiency and unproductivity. Nevertheless, we should all be better off. "Unemployment" should be presented to the measure of our well-

be a measure of our well-

Millions of people must have

been put out of work when the wheel was invented. More

Let me give you my ex-perience of the Centre's method of operation. Last Sep-tember a "Mr S. Mendham, chief executive of the Forum of Private Business" wrote to us asking for a copy of our annual report. The document was promptly dispatched, to be answered by a letter from Mr Mendham in which he said he

increased training which has taken place". He asked: "Can you help with this question, please?"

Subsequently, in a phone conversarion with an official of the board, Mr Mendham left us with a clear impression that he was merely trying to advise his members how to evaluate training undertaken as a result of the board's advice.

The Forum of Private Business is based, at Knutsford, Cheshire, It is described as a non-pactisan political pressure group to promote free enter-prise by giving private and pro-fessional people a greater voice in the legislation which affects them."

In the course of his discussions, he agreed about the difficulty of evaluating the success or failure of any specific training in terms which could, be measured scientifi-

Mr Mendham, we now dis-

more work done, raise

working on this because it is

Erom The Chairman, was having difficulty in "pro- cover, is the very same person Distributive Industry Training curing the effectiveness of the who has produced the renormal personnel and the renormal personnel who has produced the report for the Centre for Policy Studies, which even Mrs Tharcher and Sir Keith Joseph would not claim is politically

non-partisan. That inquiry, and telephone call is the only examination, so far as I am aware, which Mendham has made into board's operation. At no time has he sought on behalf of the Centre, an open meeting with officials of the board, nor

revealed that he has been undertaking a partisan review of ITBs. Clearly his motives all along have been partisan despite his query to us in a non-partisan capacity.

Yours faithfully, JOHN PHILLIPS, Chairman, Distributive Industry Training Board: MacLaren House, Talbot Road

Streetford, Manchester, M32 0FP. ....

#### The burden of price rises

Sir, The recent information of proposed increases in the cost of gas and electricity, following earth moving equipment substituted shovels and barrows. But we all became better off increases last year, must be depressing news to those of us as a result of these "labour saving." tools. 'Today's problem is to diswho are conscious of "pulling together" to improve our cover how we are going to share work, share leisure, get

situation. Recently there has been an increase in railway fares, which production of wealth, share our wealth and live a better life. I hope that some brains other than Mr Galviu's are are now making the service prohibitive to many. Coal prices have also recently increas well as postal charges. We continually hear that it is not pracdesperately urgent. The un-employed are here now and they will not, and should not, tical to spend more than is earned Overall increasing costs have caused people to rearrange their priorities.

This policy, however, needs cooperation from all sides. How can it be possible to cut back by necessity on the one hand, and then have to meet increased costs on the other? Like the Government, people, whether in families, private businesses or voluntary agencies can, or should spend only within their limits. These limits are causing great difficulties, and priorities are getting less and less. Why, then, do these limits not

appear to be applicable to monopolities like the gas and elec-tricity boards, if only to give the incersive and encouragement that our country needs at this tima? PAULINE SNEATH, The Vicerage,

Camphill Estare. Warks.

#### Cumbria CA20 1EU. millions must have gone when Reducing accounting costs

From Mr George C. Neil Sir Sir Kenneth Bond in his stricle on "Keeping the costs of accounting within bounds" (January 19) mentions, among others, the cost of the annual

Surely now is the time for the professional accountancy bodies to produce definite proposals on reducing the statu-tory requirement for a full annual audit to that of an annual review in the case of small private companies, where the shareholders are actively

concerned in the day-to-day run-

go away. Yours faithfully,

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KENNETH CORLEY,

ning of the business.

This would not prevent a majority of the shareholders calling for a full sudit should they so desire, and would still satisfy the need of, for example, a bank manager to have Yours faithfully, GEORGE C. NELL,

Secretary, Pillans & Wilson, 20 Bernard Terrace, Edinburgh, EHS.9NY. January 19.

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## Little hope for Tate

Tate & Lyle has agreed to consider a union rescue plan for its Liverpool sugar refinery after talks in London yesterday with Mr David Basnett, genera secretary of the General and Municipal Workers Union.

But the company said doubted if the union plan could prevent the refinery closing at the end of April with the loss of 1,500 jobs. Mr Basnett appealed against

the closure and put forward alternative proposals at a meeting with Lord Jellicoe, the company's chairman. But Mr Frank Tomlinson, a director, said after the two-hour talks: "It would be dishonest if we said at this stage that we

could see the slightest chink of hope." Mr Bacnett said. "We are not just concerned about the jobs. We have put certain proposals to the company and will be back next Tuesday to discuss

"We made our point of view very forcibly. They said they would consider it, but they didn't say they would not close the plant."

## America warns Japan on car curbs to EEC

States has warned Japan that any agreement restraining car exports to the European Economic Community could reduce Japanese access to the American market, it was reported here today.

Mr Bill Brock, newly-appointed United States chief trade negotiator, told the Japanese ambassador in Washington yesterday that Japan should avoid such an agreement or face demands for curbs in its exports to the United States.

Sir Roy Denman, director-general for external relations of the EEC Commission, today called on Japan to restrain its car exports to the Community. Sir Roy met with Mr Nachiro Amaya, the Japanese vice-minister for international trade and industry, before Japan and the EEC open two-day high-level consultations in Tokyo tomorrow on their trade imbalance, which is heavily in favour of Japan—about \$9,000m (£3,700m)

Sir Roy also met Mr Kiyoaki Kikuchi, the deputy foreign minister, and asked Japan to give a clear estimate of its car exports to the Common Market. pledge "orderly exports". The Japanese Government will also present an estimate that the country's car exports to West Germany and the Benelux (Belgium, The Nether-lands and Luxembourg) market will show only small increases

Car exports to the Community rose 19 per cent in the first eight months of 1980 to

The Japanese plan to tell the EEC that the outlook for this year's sales to Europe reflected a moderating trend, based largely on a higher-valued yen and the weakness of many European economies.

minister, and asked Japan to manufacturers to show restraint give a clear estimate of its car in exports of cars and electronic goods. — Reuter and The EEC delegation will be Agence France-Presse.

Japanese delegation by Mr Kikuchi at the talks, during which the Japanese will be asked for self-restraint, especi ally on its exports of cars and colour relevision sets to Europe. Bur Japan is expected not to reveal any specific figures, but

this year, compared to large increases in 1980.

\$1,600m.

But the government would be unable to so beyond outlining its policy of urging Japanese

## Output of new homes threatened by land shortages, builders say

By John Huxley

Private · housebuilders will tell ministers tomorrow that shortages · of suitable land threaten the ability of the industry to meet the expected upturn in demand for new homes homes. Mr Michael Hescltine, the Secretary of State for the Environment, will be urged to ensure that local authorities in

particular, release more land in areas where potential buyers want to live and where builders are prepared to build. Mr Lynn Wilson, president of the House-Builders Federa-tion, who will lead the delegation, explained that the low level of activity last year had obscured the growing seriousness of land shortages. When the upturn in demand comeseither this year or next-availability of land could prove

a secious constraint. Last year, builders started work on probably about 150,000 homes, of which some 100,000 were in the private sector. This was down by almost 70,000 on 1979 and compares with a figure of 325,000, as recently as

Mr Wilson says that despite slackness in the homes marker, view of the drastic cutback in inquiries have held up well, public sector building pro-indicating the strength of grammes, the onus will be on



underlying demand. Little more than three years ago, a Green

Paper, produced under the Labour government, spoke of the need to ensure a housing programme of 300,000 units Department of the Environ-Although the debate has moved from discussion of quality rather than quantity, the House-Builders Federation still believes that a minimum of 250,000 to 260,000 new bomes

will have to be provided. In

the private housebuilder to meet the shortfall. In recent months, the federa tion has become increasingly disturbed by the submission by local authorities of structure stantial decline in house-building. In some cases, the projected need has been as much as 30 per cent down on historic provision. Land shortages have long.

been a source of disagreement between builders and the plan-ners, both at local and central government level. The latter argue that land banks remain healthy and sufficient to allow several years' building at

present rates.
The builders look beyond aggregate figures, arguing that much of the land is not "availto the sense of being able " ready for development or in arms where people might With the support of the ment, the federation began a series of land availability

studies, beginning with Manchester, and now covering large parts of England He added that throughout the recent recession, builders have tended to continue to accumumany instances from other builders.

# **SCHOLARSHIPS**

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#### BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

## Inchcape makes hay in the Far East

and a sentence matched market hopes with Interim profits up by more than a quarter ea, o £39.1m. But what took the gilt off the singerbread-and left the shares 12p lower 428p—was the absence of an expected fividend increase and dark hints about the fects of recession in the second-half. he gads for its overseas subsidiaries, Inchcape to its talking with the benefit of hindsight the amarket was clearly not prepared to ignore

Meanwhile Inchcape's tax charge up from £7.7m to a more normal £17.2m speaks volumes about the geographical pattern of economic conditions. Profits from the lowjax United Kingdom and Middle East areas have been evaporating to be replaced by hooming returns from the barsher tax ladam regimes of South East Asia and the Far

Overall profits from the Pacific basin have increased their share of the total from 112 Up just over half last time to close on threenuarters with the Toyota franchises performing particularly strongly. In stark contrast Inchcape's Mann Egerton motor subsidiary in the United Kingdom has plunged from a pretax profit of £1.4m to a loss of £664,000 in the face of weak demand and hig losses in Mann Egerton Furniture.

It is this sort of experience presumably ining which has encouraged caution on the divideed front although it must be a fair bet that Inchcape will make up the ground with 18a, a 10 per cent increase for the year at the in a final stage.

Despite the warnings profits still seem likely to show a sound gain to around £75m from last time's £65.6m.

This prospect implying a yield of 6.7 per cent and a fully-taxed p/e ratio of over 11 will do little for the share rating in the short-term. But it may not be too many months before institutional buying on further recovery hopes enlivens the picture.

#### Reed International

#### Remaining on a low base

Reed International's 1980/81 period will be hadly distorted by the experience of the first quarter in which industrial troubles, mainly in the publishing business, cost profits around £12m.

In the second quarter it returned to a base, albeit one that was well down on last year, and that trend continued into the third quarter with profits at £15m still way adrift of the £30m earned in the comparable period a year ago.

The pattern remains fairly constant—in the United Kingdom at the moment the recession is fierce in the newsprint business where Reed has undertaken a heavy closure

Publishing, though, had a good quarter, although advertising revenues are begin-ning to slip, and paint and building pro-ducts and packaging are all proving resilient even though volumes are down. Leaving aside the deflationary effect of converting overseas profits into sterling, the

Quebec papermill continues reasonably well; the recession, though, is beginning to wellcoverings business has more problems.

The question for the shares of course is whether Reed will hold the dividend (it did

unroyered on a current cost basis. The chances are on the back of a strong balance sheet that it will unless the trading situation deteriorates markedly in the final quarter-two reasons, then, for thinking the shares have recovery potential at 1839 yielding 10.1 per cent and selling at perhaps 51 times likely earnings.

at the interim) even though it may well be

#### MFI

## Cutting

Investor confidence in MFI as a glamour stock vanished yesterday when it reported interim profits of only £4.9m, £3.1m down on last year and considerably below expecta-

The market had seemed prepared to give MFI a second chance following the £30m Status Discount merger and the revised profits forecast last year, but the 11p fall to 52p in the share price yesterday ended all

Clearly the depth of the recession was partly to blame for the downturn as flat pack furniture demand suffered with the rest of the industry but Status has proved costly in terms of money and management as MFI has spent the last six months cutting back the number of Status stores from 66 to 29, with more closures scheduled for the second half. Borrowings, which were nonexistent until 1979 rose by £3m to £18.3m, since the year end.

So, despite a sales increase from £56.1m to £90m, which represented a 2 per cent volume improvement in the original MFI stores, net margins have fallen significantly and judging by the group's own lack of optimism on the remainder of the year's trading, they will be hard pressed to recover. Moreover, MFI's attempts to cut borrow

ings by the sale and leaseback of the Northampton premises whose book value is £8m has not yet born fruit and the group looks as if it will be forced to sacrifice market share when it finally raises prices However, the second half will include the results of two of the three annual sales which suggests profits in the range of £10m-£13m. MFI will presumably try hard to maintain the dividend. If it does the pros-pective yield is 7.2 per cent, nothing special

• Investment trusts have regained some lost ground over the past year with discounts falling from around 30 per cent to 22 per cent. Reminiscent too of their high-flying days in the early seventies when a host of specialist vehicles were launched, there has been a growing interest in trusts concentrating on particular sectors or areas. The latest is New Darien Oil Trust. Eschewing the frothy North Sea secondary oil stocks, Darien will invest three-quarters of its £10m in United States secondary oil and gas

It reckons prices there more realistically reflect proven reserves, most drilling is onshore and cheap and—geared to capital growth—Darien is looking forward to price decontrol in the United States.

The names associated with Darien include Barclays Merchant Bank and Phillips & Drew, whose clients will take half the 10m shares which come with warrants attached: Darien will be managed by a new company Hodgson Martin Ltd.

given the risks.

#### Building more superstores

Word of a cash call from Associated Dairies got out on Monday and the shares fell 6p to 184p. So when it became official yesterday they only slipped a further 2p to 182p.

Asda is raising £45m through a one-for-eight issue at 154p, and reports in the 28 weeks to mid-November last almost unchanged pretax profits of £22.3m. Even so, the 1980-81 peak was 200p so the market is taking the first old fashioned rights issue in ordinary shares of the new year in its

This is understandable. The existing shares yield only 2.5 per cent and £45m of new money is only a tenth of the total market capitalization. The dividend is 17.5 ner ( share are unlikely to suffer dilution.

The cost of the issue to the group is only 3.5 per cent, so it hardly had an incentive to consume property assets through sale and leaseback like Fraser and Tesco, let alone issue convertible loan stocks.

Even so, the cash call catches Asda as it pauses on its uphill climb. In 1979-80 the group hoisted pretax profits from £41m to £50m thanks to good going in carpers and furniture beside food. But in the latest half year they only moved from £22.5m to £22.8m, as Williams Furniture and Ukay Furnishing Centres lost money.

So the signs point to profifs of say £51m this full year, with streamlining of Williams Furniture being treated as an extraordinary item. The hope for the next financial year should be of an end to recession, and Asda once again climbing uphill now that it has tackled its non-food problems.

The £45m is to be spent almost wholly on Asda superstores. The group has 59 at present and plans to build between six to eight a year. Between now and April, 1983 will spend on capital account nearly £150m, forcing the group to borrow despite the issue. This highlights the cost of building superstores now that sites are so

#### Ronald Pullen

## When should the institutions intervene?

To many outsiders Sir Hugh Fraser and Lonrho's chief executive Mr Roland "Tiny" Rowland seem to have been Important issues about the running of the department stores group—whose record in the last few years has hardly impressed the City-appear to have become mixed up in bitter personal differences which may work to the detriment of the long-term health of Fraser and interests of other share-

Last week's dramatic eleventh hour reconciliation in Scotland between Sir Hugh and Mr Row-land, now back on the same side fighting off a possible coup from other directors to get rid of Sir Hugh as chairman, has only served to heighten the suspicion that House of Fraser's future lies in the hands of two very powerful men whose motives for their actions are far

Certainly, that seems to be the conclusion of Fraser's financial advisers, merchant bankers Warburg and stockbrokers Cazenove, who seem to

more the institutions, who col-lectively speak for more than 35 per cent of the shares, have carrying on a private feud in remained curiously silent. They the incongruous public battle-bave presumably preferred to ground of the House of Fraser. use the opportunity of the extraordinary general meetings to show that while they are no great fans of House of Fraser management they have not been convinced by Mr Rowland's

> There is another interpretation. This is that they have been using Warburg and Cazenove as sounding boards about what is actually going on, but have not wanted to upset the applecart because of widespread expectations that Lonbro would eventually use its near 30 per cent holding as the springboard for a full bid, which would give them handsome capital gains.

arguments.

Only in the last few days have the institutions, through their investment protection commit-tees started to involve them-selves more directly, yet again leaving them open to the criticism that they come on to the scene far too lare in the day to be really effective.

bankers Warburg and stockbrokers Cazenove, who seem to
be as bemused as anyone about
what exactly is going on at
Fraser.
Previous boardroom wrangles
like this have usually stung the
investing institutions into
action. But during all the is rightly so, since to come out

into the open and announce that they were taking a closer interest in any particular com-pany could easily undermine confidence in it. But it is still fair to conclude that the balance between power and accountability is imperfectly understood both within the institutions and within industrial companies.

Critics say that in the past year the issue of dawn raids has shown the institutions in a bad light. When they have been approached for shares in such circumstances their professed interest in the long-term future of a company seems often to have given way to a competing desire for short-term gain.

Both the Wilson Committee's report and recent speeches by Sir Keith Joseph, the Industry Secretary, have made it clear how the official view has changed, with the investing institutions left in no doubt that they must take a closer strategic interest in industrial The debate over the right

and proper role of the institutions in industrial management has been an enduring one in the City for well over a decade. Before that, fund managers tended to be much less confi-dent of their ability to assess company performance, although the Prudential always prided itself, even before the war, on its behind-the-scenes influence.

1970s that there were moves to put the links between the users and providers of capital on a more formal footing. The background to this was a rapid growth in the financial power of the institutions, the disband-ing of the old Industrial Reorganization Corporation (which had kept a watching brief on vulnerable sectors of the economy) and a series of spectacular crashes like those of Rolls-Royce and Upper Clyde Shipbuilders, which raised im-

portant questions about company managements. The catalyst was the Bank of England, which despite heated opposition from some of the institutions set up the Institutional Shareholders Committee. Institutions, however, con-tinued to believe that their primary skills lay in investing and that they had little expertise in industrial management, so that particular inititative withered away. They argued that their main responsibility was to their investors, for whom

as trustees they could not take the sort of risks inherent in the closer relationship with in-dustry envisaged at the time. Since then much of the work of the individual protection committees has been routine dealing with changes in matters directly affecting them as shareholders, such as alterations to articles of association or in-

But it was not until the early creases in borrowing limits. Occasionally, however, the institutions have flexed their muscles publicly on matters of wider import. A few years ago the institutions left Costs Patons in no doubt that it it passed a dividend again with no good reason there would be rween Sir John Davis and Mr. Graham Dowson to get tid of the company's non-

More recently, Barclays Bank was rapped over the knuckles for its investment trust deal which they argued discrimi-nated against existing sharebolders; and during the Allied-Lyons takeover they engineered a change in The Stock Exchange's rules so that share-holders would be consulted on major deals.

In pursuing Newman Industries through the courts over some of its controversial deals, the Prodential won an impor-tant victory in standing up for the rights of small and large shareholders. But there have been too many cases where the institutions have stood aside, thereby giving ammunition to the City's critics who say that they should be more robust. House of Fraser is likely to be vet another occasion when firmer action by the institutions could, and should, have altered

#### Joan Best discusses the growing row over Canada's energy policy

## Alberta prepares to turn the taps off

In a little over a month Alberta will start to turn off the oil taps to the rest of Canada—an act which will step up the already bitter row between the federal government and this federal government and this mineral-rich province over energy policy and, even more important, the balance of poli-

Despite the battering which it has taken from opposition members of parliament, provincial politicians in the Canadian West end the oil industry, the federal government's national

federal government's national energy programme—the immediate cause of all the fuss—looks like staying in place.

"We do not intend to back off from these policies", Mr. Mark Laloude, the energy minister, told an opposition questioner in the Commons recently. "... We are determined to achieve these goals and we will". and we will ".

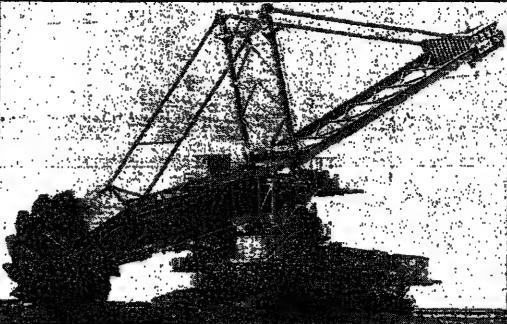
The goals are: "Canadianization" of the oil and natural gas industry; substitution of alternate forms of energy, in-cluding gas, for oil; and energy self-sufficiency by 1990. It was apparent when it was unveiled last October—simul-taneously with the federal budget—that the policy would have a rocky ride and that it could be fulfilled, if at all, only at the cost of added strains on national unity.

It immediately added fresh impetus to the controversy sur-rounding Canadian constitutional reform. Control over resources is one of the issues at stake in this dispute, which involves the federal government's unilateral move—opposed by eight of the 10 provinces—to "patriate" the British North America Act from Westminster.

Alberta is prominent among the provinces opposing the constitutional resolution, which is now before a parliamentary committee.

The part of the federal energy package which most enraged Alberta was a provision for new production taxes on gas and on the net revenues of both oil and gas companies, calculated to enrich the federal treasury by 11,700m Canadian dollars (about £4,200m) by the end of the 1983-84 financial

Mr Peter Lougheed, the Alberta premier, had given warning earlier that an export tax on gas would be tantamount to a "declaration of war" his province by government in



A huge excavating machine at work in the Athabasca oil sand field at Fort McMurray, Alberta: the province thinks that proposed increases would still leave the price of ilomestically produced oil too far behind the prevailing world price.

eyent, the government imposed it will not proceed with the Parts of the Alberta econreduction if there is evidence only on gas sold in reduction if there is evidence only on gas sold in reduction if there is evidence only are already being hurt bethe United States but on that it would cause serious oil cause billions of dollars worth

dustry to at least 50 per cent by the end of the decade (the industry is now about 80 per American owned or controlled) and it provided for a series of befty increases — a total of C\$17.20 over four years in the price of domestically-produced oil nearly all of

which comes from Alberta. Alberta was far from satisfied with this, since it will still leave the price of a barrel of oil at only C\$34 in 1983, well below even the present world price of close to U\$\$40 a barrel. Rederal policy for some years has been to keep Canadian oil prices artificially low, to help

the competitive position of the country's industry.
Mr Lougheed's response to the national energy programme was an accusation that the ederal government had walked into our home and federal occupied the living room" and the decision to cut oil pro-

Output is to be cut by 180,000 barrels a day, or about a fifth, in three stages starting on March 1. Alberta has said that

promised to cancel the cuts if the federal government agrees to negotiate "a new and fairer arrangement on petroleum

Both sides to the dispute have indinated that they are prepared to reopen negotiations and both bave good reason to try to reach a settlement, Apart from the absurdity of trying to carry out a national energy policy while at loggerheads with the key producing province, the federal regime must view with alarm the immediate prospect of an oil reduction by Alberta.

If it decided to make up the full 180,000-barrel daily deficit by buying on the world spot market, the federal government could end up spending at least C\$2,500m a year.

As for Alberta, despite its fabled mineral wealth and its treasury overflowing with petrodollars — even at the ridiculously low price per barrel obtaining in Canada—it can ill-afford the loss in income and jobs that would result from curbacks on the scale suit from cutbacks on the scale

sold in Canada, too.

Shortages, but at present it of development of tar sands oil in the province has been held up. A number of province has been held up. placed in abevance, in on case by industry, in other cases by the provincial government itself, as a result of the uncertainty generated by the federal-provincial squabble.

Both sides to the dispute are also aware that there would be a political price to pay if Al-berta started turning off the oil tap and it could fall on either or both the Liberal government in Ottawa or the Conservative So politicians are tip-toeing through the gathering storm,

careful not to close any doors but also not to give the impression that they are overflowing with eagnerness for negotia-

Answering a question in the Commons a few days ago Mr Allan MacEachen, the finance minister, said that the federal government was prepared to negotiate on the understanding that those with whom we negotiate are also prepared to make accommodations and changes"

Asked point blank whether it dian economy has the opportunity for growth and developtaxes on oil and gas, he replied ment that this industry has."

pared to discuss with the producing provinces all items which might lead to a concluswhich might lead to a conclus-ion and an agreement that would be fair to all parties."

Meanwhile, the national energy programme is taking its toll in other directions. Oil drilling rigs are said to be mov-ing back to the United States

from western Canada because of reduced exploration incentives. Earlier this month, Mobil Oil Canada cut its 1981 capital in vestment programme from C\$359m to C\$195m, with a warning that the energy pro-gramme would reduce the pro-jected after-tax income by more than 60 per cent. The invest-ment value of several planned projects was now doubtful, the

company said.

Mobil operates a consortium which wants to develop the Hibernia discovery off the Newfoundland coast.

In Toronto the chairman of the Toronto-Dominion Bank, Mr Richard Thomson, went further. He told the bank's annual meeting in Toronto that the energy programme could produce a "national disaster". It could leave Canada, which already imports large quantities of oil for its eastern seaboard, more dependent on offshore petro-leum and so draw the country further away from, rather than towards, energy self-sufficiency. It is also taken for granted

some quarters that the Canadianization aspect of the energy programme will eventu-ally cause repercussions in the international investment com-munity and in board rooms of the multinational oil companies.

Among other things, the plan
calls for Petro-Canada, a crownowned company, to take over the Canadian operations of one or more of the multinationals-through negotiation if possible and presumably through expro-priation if necessary.

Mr Lalonde says that he hopes that in 1981 Petro-Canada will buy out "at least one, two or three foreign com-

Canadian ownership".

Mr MacEachen for his part, is little impressed by what he calls the "doleful dirges" recited by opposition MPs
"I think it is absolutely clear that the cash flow available to the industry is ample and grow-ing", he told the Commons. "No other sector in the Cana-

## Business Diary: Go West, young woman • Card vote

The engineering industry, never a great employer of women at a useful way of marking the fifth anniversary of the passage of the Sex Discrimination Act and the implementa-tion of the Equal Pay Act.

Harry Wood, head of the management development cen-tre of the West Midlands Engineering Employers' Asso-ciation, plans to hold courses this year aimed ar preparing women for jobs in manage-

Furthermore, the WMEEA is acting as host to Stephanie Gaunt and Mandy Collett, two researchers with a grant from the Equal Opportunities Commission. With it they will be coming up with ideas for company training programmes that discriminate for, instead of against, women

A "Women in Management" course was held last year, after Wood noted that the proportion of women in engineering management was "at around 2 per cent" and still falling.

This was a six-week course ttended by 12 women, of whom all but two were unemployed. Employers inside and nutside engineering were reluctant to free women for a course that long.

The two women researchers were recruited from last year's. intake, Stephanie Gaunt being one of the two who had a job. The other woman who had a has since been promoted

and all the others have since

This year's courses will be restructured so that more em-ployed women can eurol.

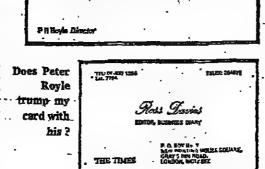
If I had had some of our office writing paper on me yesterday I would have sought Peter Royle's opinion of it; but I had to make do with my

Royle, a director of his family's printing company, W. R. Royle, is chairman of the council which is asking 50,000 users of business stationery to enter for the 1981 British Letterhead Awards. head Awards.
On being pressed to comment, Royle described my card the standard item which Timespeople proffer to contacts, as "terrible,"
I think Royle may have a point, although in fairness I must point out that our design people were not too taken with Royle's own card.

Royle's remarks were not the first printing surprise of the day. As I left to see him I opened a letter which was a fraternal greeting sent to all Times Newspapers employees, by Rupert Murdoch. This was under a Times Newspapers letter-heading, although at this time

Murdoch's bid was still conditional. But then Rupert Murdoch himself may have heen surprised to see himself described as Robert Murdoch in an edition of yesterday's

tive on product liability a "state of the art defence".



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• There is some indignation of products which subsequently prove dangerous to plead a among consumerists about a singularly complacent (and didn't know the gun was hitherto unnoticed) announceloaded. The Department of Trade's ment by the Department of announcement says: "It was Trade. It purports to give an recognized that there was a account of a recent meeting

that Consumers in the Econoconsiderable divergence of views even within the consumer mic Community Group (CECG) movement on many aspects of had with Sally Oppenheim, the Minister for Consumer Affairs. "one of the most import-The CECG represents 22 ant improvements" Mrs Oppen-Kingdom consumer heim would be seeking to the organizations and it wanted the directive would be "the intromeeting to put across its unanimous view that it would be disastrous if the Government duction of the state of the art defence' The CECG says that its mempersisted with its intention to ber groups have seldom been out into the EEC's draft direc-

art defence". This, they claim, will help manufacturers to escape liability for damage caused by their defective products.

The only disagreement within their ranks, faced with Mrs Oppenheim's unmoving attitude, was whether the consumer organizations would still support the draft directive with state of the art defence" or make a tactical decision to oppose the whole thing outright such a defence was intro-

There is one further disagreement discreetly hinted at -about the value of meetings so united as they are in oppo-"state of the art defence", sition to the Government's This would enable the makers position on the "state of the with the present Minister for Consumer Affairs.

duced.

· Wilfred Broad retires as Director of Finance at Trust-house Forte next week not Financial Director, you will note, though as Broad says with an inwardness that could only be understood by those within the charmed inner circle at Sir Charles Forte's great hotels and catering empire: "It's the same thing, but slightly differ-

To outsiders it seems strange that a company as large as this should have no main board financial director, even allowing for the assumption-largely correct—that Sir Charles him-self takes all crucial decisions, including financial ones.

Nevertheless, since retiring in 1976 from Reed International where he was financial director and deputy chairman under Lord Ryder, Broad has been deeply concerned with strategic financial thinking within Trust-

Fortunately for Sir Charles the counsels of Broad, now aged 66, will still be available: he will remain a financial consultant to Sir Charles for at least a year, though his job as Direc-tor of Finance goes to Donald Main of Alcan.

Out of place: reader J. T. Harvey writes from Kennington, south London, to point out a passage in an advertisement which appeared in this paper for a housekeeper. One attrac-tion of the job was that most of the domestic work was done by "a daily lady who attends twice a week."

Ross Davies

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# Equities still strong on hopes of MLR cut

hopes alive in the market yesterday as equities maintained strong start to the

Monday's business, but trade remained thin with prices showing exaggerated gains. Once again investors were concen-trating their efforts on the more favourable sectors with strong performances by elec-tritals, insurance and oil shares. Elsewhere, dealers were kept on the hop by the numerous bid situations and company news.

So, sentiment continued to improve and when the unempolyment figures were re-leased, which showed the eighth consecutive increase to 2.4m, the market was able to disregard it. Only the latest gloomy report from the CBBI caused any mutterings, but after lunch the market on-tinued its advance helped by strong opening on Wall

The FT Index, rose by 5.7 by midday, before retreating to only 3.8 higher at 3 pm. It eventually closed 5.5 up at 467.4.

better form following the rally in the bullion price, up \$2 at Gilts came back into favour,

beloed by speculation that the new "tap", where applications close today, will be warmly received and a bullish circular from brokers Panmure Gordon. In longs, gains of up to fa prices closed unchanged after earlier rises of £1/16. Leading industrials saw little inquiry but share prices continued to be marked higher in line with the advance in the test of the rest of the market. Among those to end the Cay 2p or 3p higher were ICI at 290p, Beecham at 172p, Glaxo at 258p, Unilever at 446p and GKN at

In papers, full-year figures and carmings are net, from Reed International were income from property.

and the shares ended the day ip lighter at 183p, while Bowater remained unchanged at 183p. Shares of Bristol Evening Post picked up 5p to 173p, still overshadowed by fears that the 190pa-share bid from Associated Newspapers might be referred to the Monopolies Commission. Shares of

Sharcholders of UDT waiting patiently for further news of the 60p-a-share bid from Lloyds & Scottish may not have much longer to wait. The directors were said to have had a meeting with the institutions vesterday which may signal the rejection of L & S followed by a counter-bid from elsewhere. The shares

Associated hardened 3p to 238p. Meanwhile, news that News International's offer for The Times and Sunday Times would not be referred to the Mono-polies Commission resulted in a 2p rise at 93p, while International Thomson ended 7p dearer at 284p.
Electricals enjoyed another

worthwhile session but were reported to be looking a little

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MFI Fun (I)
Ben Priest (I)
Stewart Plastics (I)
Town & City (I)
Vantage Secs (F)
Zetters (I)

Speculative attention lifted Muirhead 7p to 84p as buyers still banked on a bid from Tyco Laboratories, Interest was also expressed in Electrocomps, up 35p at 663p, and Kode International 15p better at 268p.

judged to be much better than expected as the shares advanced 15p to 246p and Unitech, reporting next week, expanded 10p to 252p.
In foods, the expected £45m rights issue from Associated Dairies caused only mild interest as the shares slipped 2p to 183p, but Glass Glover, weighing in with improved full-year figures, closed 4p dearer at 54p. In contrast, Somportex, which reported

therm International

recently, dipped 30p to 730p on profit-taking.
The reduction in profits at the half-way stage left Benja-min Priest 7p lighter at 45p, while disappointing figures and a line of 1m shares on offer at to left MFI Furniture tum-

bling 11p to 52p.
Disappointing figures also left Inchcape 12p lower at 428p; but dealers took heart in the tired by the close, in spite of the continuing thin conditions. Interim statement from Stewart GEC rose 50 to 6000, Thorn Plastics, 3p higher at 79p. EMI 9p to 297p and Plessey 3p A. £990m cash-injection by

Latest results

Earnings

4.5(4.49)

14.8(18.2) 5.27(4.38)

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Hopes of a cut in MLR in in line with most expectations to 276p, but Racal reporting the Government saw shares of 170p an Distillers 3p to 181p.

le Budget on March 10 kept and the shares ended the day tomorrow, looked decidely ner
by the BL rise 3p to 21p in an excep
News of President Reagan's topics alive in the market vession by the control the proposals to de-control the turn sparked off a 6p rally in Lucas at 171p, in the wake of recent warnings about lay-offs.

Shares of Renwick returned from suspension up 8p at 86p following the counter-bid from Kangra International and hopes Full-yearfigures from Euroof improved terms from Bahco lifted Record Ridgway 6p to 43p. W. A. Tyzack, holding a sizable stake in Record, rose

4p to 35p.
peculative buying had Pritchard Services 6p ahead at 130p, along with Richards & Wallington, 4p to 28p. R. P. Martin added 2p to 150p despite the breakdown in talks with Bierbaum. Acquisition news had Dundonian 7p heavier at 64p and F. Pratt, awaiting figures, climbed 7p to 50p. But Mercantile House encountered good buying in a thin market, on the back of recent gigures,

on the back of recent gigures, rising 30p to 600pj.

Builders' made further good gains, with rises in Redland 7p to 167p, Blue Circle 6p to 350p and Barratt Developments

Hopes of no further increase in duty in the forthcoming Budget brought a welcome spurt to drink shares. Allied added 2n to 67p as did Bass 8p at 207p, Grand Metropolitan 3p to 162p, Arthur Bell 6p to

25/3 11/4

over expanded from £30.43m to

Turnover and profits have

proposals to de-control the price of oil saw renewed interest in oils. BP expanded

Note the recent weakness in shares of Dreamland Electrical, where the price has dropped from 25p to as low as 17p. Brokers are worried that fullyear profits, due soon, may be worse than expected, after the mild winter. Dreamland admits to a sharp drop in demand, which has put its factory on a three-day week and is likely to hit profits. The shares rose 1p to 20p yesterday.

8p to 410p, Ultramar 5p to 488p and Lasmo 13p to 687p, but switching into Royal Dutch saw Shell 6p off at 428p. Among second-liners, KCA International rose 8p to 171p on news of its 51 per cent acquisition of Baron Oil Clyde Petroleum was also wanted up 65p at 760p despite denials of

a gas find on the Isle of Wight.
The steadier gold price brought in buyers from the Continent and New York for mimes with Anglo Am Gold up Et at 1362, St. Helena Et. 10 £15's and Vaal Reefs £1 to

Equity turnover on January 26 was £98.132m (15,908 bargains). The most active stocks, according to the Exchange Telegraph, were Boots, BAT, GEC, Shell, ICI, De Beers, RTZ, BP, Bass, P&O, Hong Kong and Shanghai, Burmab, Charterbouse, Premier Oil, and Tricentrol.

Traded options had a better day with 1,186 contracts. Courtaulds April 50s and Grand Metropolitan April and July 160s were active, while Lourho May 100s and 110s were husiest were busiest.

Traditional options saw calls arranged in gold shares Western Deep, East Dagga, Elsburg, and Free State Elsburg, and Free State Geduld at a uniformly high 15 per cent of their share prices. Puts were done in ICI at 14p.

Briefly

Premier Consolidated Officies:
Conroy Petroleum and Natural
Resources and Premier have
agreed to form a consortium
which will apply for exclusive exploration licences in offshore
frish waters. Both Premier and
Conroy not only will seek blocks
under the proposed second round
of licensing offshore Ireland, but
also may seek allocations of
blocks under the "open-door"
approach to the Department of
Energy.
Arithur Lee & Sons: Mr P. W.
Lee, chairman, reports in his

Lee, chairman, reports in his annual statement that the trading

stakts, the chairman, reports that trading in the first few months of 1980-81 has been very difficult, although certain areas of business seem to be confounding the general trend. He is confident that

even if the group is affected in the short-term by the recession, it will common to prosper and

the short-term by the recession, it will condinue to prosper and be successful.

Stewart Plastics: Turnover for half-year to October 31, 1930, £4.17m (£4.25m). Pretax profits £1.26m (£1.05m), including interest receivable of £362,000 (£262,000). Interim dividend unchanged.

Vantage Securities: Gross income for 1980, £56,000 (£58,000). Total dividend, 1.42p (1.28p) gross.

Bertrams: Turnover for year to September 28, 1980, £4.28m (£3.41m). Pretax loss, £194,000 (against profit of £36,000). No dividend (1.49p gross last time).

Local Authority Bonds: Interest rate on this week's issues of Local Authority yearling bonds is 13½ per cent. Issue price is 100. (Last week 135 per tent at 100). Hambro Trust (the company's principal asset comprises shares Hambros Limited): The increase in dividends receivable during the half-year to 'December 31, 1980, mainly from Hambros Limited, has resulted in an increase in the amount available for ordinary shareholders to £207,000. com-

has resulted in an increase in the amount available for ordinary shareholders to £207,000, compared with last year £(157,000). The directors have therefore

The directors have therefore decided to increase the rate of interim dividends to 1.35p. per share (net) on the £1 (25p paid) and 25p (fully paid) ordinary shares, compared with 1p per share (net) last year.

Selkirk firm gets City backing: An agreement in principle has been reached for Charterhouse Development Capital to purchas a minority shareholding in K. & W.

#### fuel distribution to travel agents group at £7.63m—nearly a third more than the agreed bid from AAH which labsed earlier this month. Renwick shares closed clients, through Bekhor. Presented with a fait accom-pli, Renwick's directors, who 87 up at 36p. Mr G. J. Beck a South African

businessman, has emerged as the principal behind Kangra, an off-the-shelf Hongkong pan. Mr Beck has private interinclude seven coal mines, pro-

By Peter Wilson-Smith

chases carried out by stock- said Mr. Bec brokers A. J. Bekhor, On Mon-

Kangra International Hold-ings has won control of Renwick shares at 35p from Uto Bank Group and is making a general, of Zurich, giving it 50.9 per 35pa-share offer, valuing the cent of the voting capital. Uto Bank also acquired its shares, for itself and six unrelated

control of Renwick Group

Kangra International wins

last October agreed a 65p-a-share bid from AAH, the industrial holding company, have recommended the Kangra offer, and accepted in respect of their own shares although Renwick ests in South Africa, which directors recently sold about include seven coal mines, pro- half their shares in the market

include seven coal mines, property, stores and horse-breed at around 73p.

Mr Kenneth Holmes, Renwick chief executive, said the board had no difficulty in recoming shares just before Christmas and successive market purchases carried out by stock-bases carried out

He's a man who is capable of giving us considerable support internationally".

Mr Holmes said he believed that Uto Bank had bought shares on hopes that Mr John Rentley's Tebbitt Group, which once had nearly 10 per ceut of Renwick, would outlin AAH. In the event, Mr Bentley is thought to have sold his shares on to

Kangra. AAH, whose bid was toiled, still retains over 10 per cent of the Renwick voting capital as well as important business links. with Renwick through the jointly owned Western Fuel. Mr William Pybus, chairman, said, no decision had been taken on the Kangra offer nor had there been any contact with Mr Beck. Kangra is making offers for Renwick preference shares on a straight conversion basis.

## Hanson Trust extends £13m bid for CMT

By Margareta Pagano Hanson Trust yesterday ex-tended its £13m bid for Central Manufacturing & Trading following informal indications from the Takeover Panel that rival bidder Caparo Investments should lay its terms on the table. However, neither Caparo nor its advisers, nor Robert Fleming, merchant bankers to CMT, was personally informed by the panel, but received the

news via a statement from Hanson Trust. A spokesman said they were "surprised". The statement from Hauson said that the panel had requessaid that hie pater had reduced the Caparo to inform CMT shareholders by February, 3 whether or not it intends to make an offer for the oustanding shares in CMT. "In these circumstances Hanson feels it is only right to extend its offer and 3 pm on Friday, February

13", it stated. 13", it stated.

However, Mr Peter Fraser, of the panel, said last night that there had been some misunderstanding by Hanson and its bankers, N. M. Rothschild. He said they had "only informally and they had "only informally had be they had "only informally had be they had be they had be they had be they had "only informally had be they had been told that we would not be able to let this matter drift on forever". The date, he said, of the fiftieth day of the bid, February 13, had been drawn from the air and not been a precise instruction. "Inevitably, there must come a time when something must be said and

By Catherine Gunn Mr Charles Wardle, chair-

man of Midlands components

manufacturer Benjamin Priest & Sons (Holdings), has warned

shareholders to expect a balved

tax. The present, final quarter, is

payout is likely to be no more

than 4.85p gross against 9.71p.

Redundancy costs approaching £250,000 have been provided for in the first half and none

Exxon corporation's fourth

quarter net income was 1.1 per cent down at \$1,350m (£562m)

or \$3.12 a share on total revenue of \$29.847m.
In the 1979 fourth quarter, net income was \$1,356m or

\$3.10 a share
The decline in net income was attributed to lower operat-

ing earnings which were partly offset by increased gains on

foreign exchange translations: For the whole of 1980 net in-

ported record consolidated

earnings for the year to Novem-

TDK officials said that net

profits were 21,273m yen (£43.68m), a 35.8 per cent jump

are expected in the second.

Benjamin Priest slumps

usually the group's best trading tions are underway and there

Exxon Corporation income

come was \$5,660m against s4,290m on revenues at slower demand and margins \$110,470m against \$84,970m on petroleum product sales".

Video boom aids TDK

clipped in last quarter

they assumed we had made a precise instruction. Caparo know that we cannot let this go on forever."

Hanson received only 240,000

acceptances for its 49p cash per share offer for CMT's shares by its second closing date on Mon-Hanson, held 13.3 per cent of CMT, when it made its first offer last November. This was

offer last November. This was shortly followed by a formal rejection document sent to shareholders by the CMT board, which described the bid as grossly undervaluing the company. Mr Roger Lewis, acting chairman, considered it "an opportunistic attempt to acquire CMT at a low point in the economic tycle". The board has consistently upheld this view consistently upheld this view and Hanson has responded with an attack on the group's assumptions of a return to profitability.

On December 3 CMT announced that an approach had been received from Caparo which might lead to an offer. Since then Caparo the privately con-trolled investment group whose chairman is Mr Swraj Paul, has steadily been increasing its stake to 21.5 per cent. Mr Paul, who also described

the Hanson offer, as "mean" has indicated that terms of an agreed bid could be drawn up once it receives the additional

Property disposals

the group's Midlands opera-

but expects the group's wide-spread of small-scale opera-tions to recover rapidly when

the automotive and civil engineering industries it serves

International

Commenting on the fourth

quarter operating earnings Mr

"Most significantly foreign

petroleum and natural gas

earnings were down due to

higher exploration costs as well

C. C. Garvin, chairman, said:

#### Bahco hopes to agree higher bid for Record

By Catherine Gunn tool manufacturer Record Ridg-way and bidder Babco could lead to a higher, agreed cash offer for Record today,
Record Ridgway's board announced that the talks were taking place yesterday, und advised shareholders to take no action on the existing extended

offer from Eabco of 370 a sbare, pending an announce-



Mr Antony Hampton of Record Ridgway.

Last night Mr James Powell of Guinness Mahon, Bahco's adviser, said: "We are in dis-cussion in an effort to find a basis on which the board of Record and their advisers With poor demand since the could recommend a bid by us. summer Benjamin Priest has It is hoped that we will be able to make an agreed cash offer." Bahco is the British subsidiary concentrated on tightening its manufacturing base in readiness for any upturn. Interim trading profits fell by 60 per of Swedish tool and compa manual dividend for the year to cent to £633,000 and interest
March 31 in the light of an charges totalled £593,000, up
interim profits collapse from 57 per cent. Turnover was
£1.21m to just £40,000 before static at £22m. nents manufactures A.

Record Ridgway's shares jumped 6p to 43p yesterday on the news of the renewed talks. which were resumed late last week. Earlier this mouth they period and the full year out. tions ere underway and there stood at a high of 46p after an come depends heavily upon it. is scope for further sales if unnamed rival bidder unex-The interim dividend has necessary. Mr Wardle is taking pectedly entered into discusbeen maintained but the total a cautious view of the future hidden said to be feeting. sionse with Record. But that bidder, said to be foreign, withdrew suddenly, upsetting the shares which on Monday this week were standing at the origi-

nal Babco offer price of 37.
That ofer valued fRecord st £4.13m and was resisted by the board as inadequate. Talks between Record and Bahco broke down in December after nine months when the two groups could not agree on the proposed price. Bahco went ahead with its offer, but acceptances totalled only 19.3 per cent. The first offer was extended

until the end of this month with the proviso that further extensions could only last until February 22.

Record Ridgway made a £262,000 pretax loss in the year to September 28, 1980.

# Bank Base

| ABN Bank            | 14%  |
|---------------------|------|
| Barclays            | 14%  |
| BCCI                | 14%  |
| Consolidated Crdts  | 14%  |
| C. Hoare & Co       | *14% |
| Lloyds Bank         | 14%  |
| Midland Bank        | 14%  |
| Nat Westminster     | 14%  |
| Rossminster         | 14%  |
| TSB                 | 14%  |
| Williams and Glyn's | 14%  |
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# Development Capital to purchas a minority shareholding in K. & W. McDonald Construction for £175,000. This Selkirk-based civil engineering contractor is currently owned by Mr and Mrs K. J. McDonald McDonald Construction, which is involved in a wied variety of civil engineering projects including drainage schemes, pipe-laying and road work in Southern Scotland, intends using part of this sum to develop its activities in Central Scotland. from 15,666m yen a year before. Sales rose to 214,773m yen, Marine underwriters see

jump in exports.

By Richard Allen

Insurance Correspondent Rocked by three years of heavy losses, marine underwriters in the London insurance market still see little hope of recovery in the near future.

Speaking at the annual meet-ng of the Institute of London Underwriters yesterday, Mr Geolfrey Merriman, the chairman, claimed that some underwriters are now making losses even after taking into account investment income earned on premiums. "It is a bleak outlook for 1981", he said.

The ILU, which represents the company side of the marine insurance market in London, ectually reported a significant decline in overall merchant

2.3m tons gross in 1979 to 1.8m But the institute claims that despite the decline, under-waters probably will end up paying out more in claims, mainly as a result of inflation, while the cumulative effects of three years' "disastrous casualty experience" have yet

The cost to the London market of last year's losses has been unofficially estimated at equally between the company

Mr Merriman said that the

TDK Electronics Co. Japan's up 36.9 per cent from 156,892m top manufacturer of ferrites yen in the preceding year.

and magnetic tapes, has record consolidated record consolidated

ber 30, after a brisk increase in sales of all products and a jump in exports.

The record earnings came against the backdrop of an upsurge in demand for video tape recorders. TDK officials noted that VTR production in the Japanese electronics industry doubled in 1980 and, with it, their company's VTR-related products showed a sharp sales increase.

# Rates

another bleak year ahead shipping tonnage lost from

tons last year.

to be quantified.

market and Lloyd's.

market was still dogged by over-capacity resulting from new competition keeping rates

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# 1980/81 Righ Low Price Ch'se Div(p)

|   |      | .37         | Ausprung Group   | 65         | _   | 6.7  | 10.3         | 5.9     |
|---|------|-------------|------------------|------------|-----|------|--------------|---------|
|   | 44   | 21          |                  | 44         | +1  |      | 3.2          | 18.1    |
|   | 192  | 92 į        | Bardon Hill      | 189        |     | 9.7  |              | 7.1     |
|   | . 87 | ` 38        | County Cars Pref | 38         | _   |      |              |         |
|   | 98.  | 88          | Deborah Services | •          |     |      |              | _       |
|   | 126  | 90          | E                | · 96       | _   | 5.5  | 5.7          | 4.8     |
|   |      | 90          | Frank Horsell    | 113        | -1  | 6.4  | 5 <i>.</i> 7 | 3.5     |
|   | 110  | - 56        | Frederick Parker | . 56       | _   | 11.0 | 19.6         | 2.6     |
|   | 110  | 74          | George Blair     | 78         | _   | 3.1  | 4.0          | _       |
| • | 110  | <b>59</b> ' | Jackson Group    | 108        | +1  |      |              | 4.1     |
|   | 124  | 103 .       | James Burrough   |            |     |      |              |         |
|   |      | -244        | James Philiopsu  | 120        | +1  | 7.9  | 6.6          | 9.8     |
|   | 334  | 444         | Robert Jenkins   | 331        | .—  | 31.3 | 9.5          | _       |
|   | 53   | 50          | Scruttons 'A'    | 53         | _   | 5.3  | 10.0         | 3.8     |
|   | 224  | 216         | Torday Limited   | 216        | -1  | 15.1 | 7.0          | 3.7     |
|   | 23   | 10          | Twinlock Ord     | 124        | _   |      | 7.0          | <u></u> |
|   | 90   |             |                  |            |     |      | _            |         |
|   |      |             | Twinlock 15% ULS | 76         |     | 15.0 | 19.7         | _       |
|   | 56   | 35          |                  | 37         | +1. | 3.0  | 6.1          | 5.7     |
|   | 102  | .81         | Walter Alexander | 101        | _   | 5.7  | 5.6          | 5.6     |
|   | 256  | 181         | W. S. Yeates     | 256        | +2  |      | -            |         |
|   |      |             | LL PA TENTES     | <b>430</b> | TZ  | 12.1 | 4.7          | 4.2     |
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## Eurotherm down 17pc

for year After a 13 per cent drop in half-time taxable tax profits, Eurotherm International, the control gear group based at Worthing, went on to suffer a 17 per cent fall to £2.4m over the full year to October 31. Sales, by contrast, rose 14.3 per cent to £24.8m, almost as fest as in the first six months. The ordinary dividend stays at 4.5p met or 6.44p gross with a final payment of 3p a share.

The group suffered from rapidly rising costs, high interest rates and the strength of sterling. The group sells products like industrial temperature control equipment which goes to industries suffering



Dr Jack Leonard, incoming chairman of Eurotherm.

most from the world recession, Despite this, ten of the 13 trading companies in the group, had a good year over eight more made money.

The fall in profits reflected technical problems not over-come until late in the year, while the strong pound forced the United States company to miden its margins by manufacturing more over there. Several new lines are now ready for sale: the expenditure on them fell into 1979.

This past year borrowings fell £600,000 to £3.3m. Total business is at present holding up well, but the group cannot see very far ahead. There 1s, however, no cause for pessimism, the board reports. At the pending annual meeting Mr Jim Hertnett steps down as chairman in favour of Dr Jack Leonard.

#### UNEMPLOYMENT Monthly figures for unemployment in the UK, published by the Department of

|              | Aduits<br>(Adjusted) | o of all<br>employees | Unadj. inc<br>school<br>leavers |
|--------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1330         |                      | 5 5                   | 1,470                           |
| Jan.         | 1.337                | 57                    | 1.488                           |
| Feb          | 7,233                |                       |                                 |
| March        | 1,413                | 5.9                   | 1.477                           |
| April        | 1.458                | 6.0                   | 1.522                           |
| May          | 1.424                | 6 1                   | 1,509                           |
| June         | 1.535                | 6.4                   | 1,659                           |
| July         | 1 606                | 66                    | 1.396                           |
| Aug.         | 1 575                | 7.0                   | 2.001                           |
| Sept.        | 1.784                | 7.4                   | 2.039                           |
| Oct.         | 1,897                | 7.8                   | 2.063                           |
| Naz.         | 2 023                | 8.4                   | 2.163                           |
| Drc.<br>1981 | 2.123                | 88                    | 2,244                           |
| Jan.         | 2.236                | 9,3                   | 2,419                           |
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## REGIONAL

| UNEMPLOYMENT |                      |             |        |  |  |  |
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| East Anglia  |                      | ÷28         | 7.5    |  |  |  |
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| W Midla∩da   | 248.5                | ÷ 16 4      | 10.6   |  |  |  |
| E. Midlands  | 134 8                | <b>∸60</b>  | 8.4    |  |  |  |
| Yorkshire &  |                      |             | -      |  |  |  |
| Hemberside   | 206.7                | - 10.9      | 98     |  |  |  |
| N. West      | 320 1                | + 13.9      | 11.2   |  |  |  |
| North        | 171 9                | +72         | 12.4   |  |  |  |
| Wales        | 133.5                | - 43        | 12.3   |  |  |  |
| Scatland     | 250.3                | +6.2        | 11.2   |  |  |  |
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|              | 50 9                 | -23         | 15.8   |  |  |  |
| N Ireland    | 90.5                 |             | 10.0   |  |  |  |
| United       | 2.235.9              | ÷102.6      | 3.3    |  |  |  |
| Kingdom      | 2.235.9              | - 192.0     | 8.3    |  |  |  |

## Town & City interim loss higher

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Eisewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross multiply the net dividend by 1.428. Profits are shown pretax and earnings are net, \*=sdjusted for scrip issue; †=forecast total; ‡=gross income; \$=loss; ¶=gross income; \$=loss; ¶=gross

Town and City Properties' assurance, administrative pen-pretax loss was slightly higher, sions and investment manage-at £7.75m, in the half-year to September 28, 1980, compared with a loss of £7.57m last time. September 28, 1980, compared with a loss of £7.57m last time. Net income from property rose from £3.16m to £4.27m and income from other sources from £3.36m to £3.55m, making a total of £7.82m, against £6.52m. However, interest payable grew from £14.1m to £15.57m. Since last July, a further £19m of property has been sold with a book value of £14m. This brings the total of sales since March last year to £21m, with a book value of £15m. As last year, there is no interim dividend.

Dundonian to buy Planned Savings

Surrey-based Dundonian Ltd. thich is in property develop-

KCA International yesterday expanded its United States oil

programme with its acquisition

of a 51 per cent interest in the Texas-based oil and gas de-velopment company Baron Inc.

KCA paid \$1m for the 51 per

cent stake in Baron and has

provided a further \$7m (a total of £3.33m) of working capital

in partnership with the Royal Bank of Canada (London). KCA

has the option to acquire full

ownership of the company.

The deal ties together the group's United States interests, said Mr Paul Bristol, KCA's

chairman, who has previously

indicated that he wants to see

Mr Bob Taylor has become

KCA consolidates US

interests with £3m deal

and private clients. The price is £1m—£350,000 cash and 812,500 ordinary shares in Dundonian, to be issued at 80p each.
Planned Savings' pretax profits for 1930 were about £105,000. The takeover will considerably enhance Dundonian's

finance and insurance interests and will create a stronger financial services division—with funds under management of more than £25m—in balance with other group activities.

Record profit again. from Glass, Glover

Record results are once again reported by the Glass, Glover ment, natural resources and importer of fresh fruit and

ing with the giants of the United States oil and gas

finance houses.

risen to fresh records each year since 1976 and have doubled in that period. The total gross dividend is being raise from 2.64p to 3p. Zetters up a fifth at half-time

Zetters, the pools and binge group, reports a 19.8 per cent rise in pretax profits to £737,000 for the half-year to achieve on turnover 15.4 per cent higher at £5.88m, after deducting payments to pools winners and betting tax totalling £6.12m, against £5.39m last time. The interim payment is being lifted from 1.07p gross to 1.21p.

Zetters' board, headed have

public services, is to buy vegetables. In the 12 months to Paul Zetters' board, headed by Mr Planned Savings (Holdings). September 30, 1980, pretax the whole of the profits into company provides manage-profits rose by 23.5 per cent crease is attributed to the pools ment services, including life to a record £659,000. roup turn-

SPO Minerals, the mining company: launched last year. plans to raise £482,000 from a one-for-four rights issue and use the proceeds to buy Doe Lea Colliery in Deroyshire. The

nounced that it has sold for

the larger private coal pro-

By purchasing Baron, KCA is consolidating its United States activitles under one roof. The group's two drilling wells, which are on contract in North

Dakota and Montana, are worth about \$12m and will be transferred for use at Baron's reserves. Baron estimates that its re-serves will yield, over eight years, some \$118m in gross KCA's shares gained 130 to 176p on the news. Forecasts for

Rights issue for SPO Minerals

new shares are to be offered at 105p each. At the same time, SPO an-

£187,500 its 5 per cent stake in Carnon Consolidated Tin Mines. which owns the Wheal Jane mine in Cornwall. The stake was sold to Rio Tinto Zinc, which now controls all of the equity.

SPO will be paying £373,000 for Doe Lea, which is one of

the year to December, 1980, are for £3.5m to £4m of pretax KCA on at least an equal foot- profits.

#### **Business appointments Development director for Tarmac**

Tarmac Industrial Holdings.

Mr D. V. Newbold has been elec-Mr D. V. Newbold has been elected chairman of Foster Wheeler's new holding company Mr T. M. Evans becomes secretary. Mr A. J. Clayton, Mr K. A. De Ghetto, Mr D. R. Gray, Mr J. T. Kelley and Mr F. A. Lee are directors. All but Mr Clayton are also on the board of Foster Wheeler Energy of which Mr Newbold is the chairman. Other directors as Mr L. A. appointed chairman and chief executive of Crouse-Hinds (UK). Mr John Baring has become a man. Other directors are Mr J. A. Bunn. Mr E. D. Hibbert, Mr J. G. Bunn, Mr E. D. Hibbert, Mr J. G.
Lucas, Mr A. J. McKerracher, Mr
J. Ramsden, Mr R. D. Wass and
Mr J. E. Wifilams.
Mr John G. A. Irish will become managing director of Spar
(UK) on May 1.
Mr Michael Andrews has joined
Wilsons Manchester Brewery as
innkeepers director.
Mr Harry Shepherd has been

Mr Harry Shepherd has been appointed the first director of the Oxford Street Association. Dr B. F. Willetts has become director of Telephone Rentals. Mr Stuart J. Hickey has been made an additional director of board of Expanded Metal Co as group managing director in suc-cession to Mr R. D. Scott who Telefusion.

Mr G. B. Binding joined the board of W. and J. Glossop.

Mr F. I. Briggs has become a director of Williams and James

(Engineers).
Mr G. M. Simmonds and Mr Mr. G. M. Simmons and Mr. R. L. Owen are appointed to the board of Bremar Trust,
Mr. Eric Spearing and Mr. John Harding have joined the main board of James Clark & Raton,
Mr. E. Tozer is now a director of Guinness Mahon & Co.
Mr. K. R. Nannales has been tor of Guinness Mahon & Co.

Mr C. K. R. Nunneley has been appointed chairman of the United States and General Trust Corporation in place of Mr W. R. Merton

Mr M. C. Stoddart, the deputy chairman of Electra Investment Trust will also become chief execu-tive on February 1 and Mr M. E. D'A. Walton will join the Mr Michael E. Kelsey has been

non-executive director of Dunlop Holdings. Mr A. T. Harvey is now an executive director and Mr an executive director and Mr Jeremy F. Lever has resigned from the board. Mr G. A. Keith Wilkinson has become director of Ferranti Measurements. Mr Wallace P. Dunlap has been

Mr Wattace P. Dunian has been appointed managing director of Morgan Berkeley and Company, succeeding Mr Barry Culium who becomes managing director of Benmar Marketing and Supply.

Mr Peter Ross has joined the board of DCI (Scotland). Mr Michael F. Cook has been appointed financial director of Hanger Investments. He remains Mr Roger Childs has joined the

has redred.
Mr John Hudd, manager of National Provincial Glass Company, has been made a director.

Mr Robin MacKichan has joined Aquascutum and becomes director and chief executive of Aquascutum International.

Mr David Wood has been appointed national manager for the hire and sales division of Stephens & Carter.

Mr William Keyser, Mr Midi Berry, and Mr David Mabbs have joint the board of ODL.

Mr Bob Lloyd-Jones will become director general of the Retail Consortium on May 1.

group executive—Middle East of the Ewbank Consulting Group, based in Abu Dhabi. Mr David Rutherfordd has been reelected chairman of the Wine Development oBard for 1981. Mr Michael Dawson, of Cockburn and Co (Leith), and Mr Philip Wetz, of Unwins have also joined the board. Mr Keith S. Bales has been

made vice president, character merchandise licensing, publica-tions, music publishing and records of Walt Disney Productions (UK). of Walt Disney Productions (UK). The Chloride Group's automotive and industrial battery operations in Europe are to be combined from March 2 under the chairmanship of Mr Ken Hodgson, a main board director and chairman of overseas operations. Mr David Burnet will finish his secondment from Chloride Batteries Australia to Chloride Group as chairman of automotive operations in Europe, and resign as a director of Chloride Group. Mr Michael Sharman, the chairman of industrial operations in Europe and a main board director, becomes director of finance tor, becomes director of finance and central services. Mr David Cochrane, executive vice-chairman and finance director, who plans to retire in May, 1982, will work directly with the chief executive. Mr G. E. Hardwick has been appointed director of marketing for Dunlop's United Kingdom tyre group. He is succeeded as direc-

tor and general manager, replace-ment division by Mr G. D. Regford. Mr Graham S. Clarke has been appointed group financial director of Fairey Holdings.

Mr W. Leonard Hyde has been elected president of the Leeds Permanent Building Society. He succeeds Mr J. Malcolm Barr.

#### MARKET REPORTS

#### Foreign exchange report Discount Commodities market The dollar surged ahead in late erading yesterday to close at its 1.175 cent fall at 2.40475 com-best levels of the day on pared with 2.4165 overnight. Houses had a pretty comfort-At one stage during the morning spriling had leaked around 2.4130. As measured by its closing effective archange index of 81.2 (overnight 81.0) the pound was still strong against major continuated epirencies. popper was steady—Asternoon—ash were bars, \$701.22 a motric ton, and the bars, \$701.22 a motric ton, and \$1.75.50.31. Sales, \$1.75.50.30. Sales, \$1.75.50.70. Sales, \$1.75.50.70. Sales, \$1.75.50.70. Sales, \$1.75.50.70. Sales, \$1.75.50.70. Sales, \$1.75.50.70. Sales, \$1.75.50.50. Sales, \$1.75.50.70. Sales, \$1.75.50.70. Sales, \$1.75.50.70. Sales, \$1.75.50.70. Sales, \$1.75.50.50. Sales, \$1.75.50. Sales, \$1.75.50. Sales, \$1.75.5 able session yesterday and the Bank of England mopped up sur-plus funds on a small scale by moderately active foreign exchange markets. News of the ending of price selling Treasury Bills to banks controls on domestic off and other United States Rates for secured money held within bonds of 13 per cent and 131 per cent, but drifted off in the afternoon so that books were closed within a band of 121 - 13 were cent. Covernment The Dow Jones industrial average finished with a gain of 10.58 to 949.49 for the first higher closmeasures including tax and spend-LIOO.20; Nov. ELO4.05 Sales: 184lots. Authority. 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Sterling: Spot and Forward Other Markets I month 93-1.05c disc 275-1.85c disc 27-1.4c prem 20-10c prem 17-9p prem 17-9p prem 11c prem-56c disc 8-101r disc 245-70are prem 47-50 prem 47-50 prem 47-50 prem 47-50 prem New York Monifest Amsterdam Brusseig Copenhagen Dublin Frankfure Lisbon Madrid Milan Oslo Paris Stockholm Takyo Vlenne Zurich Exten Corporation reported flat fourth quarter net but rose 2 to 77). Active Texaco rebounded from recent weakness, adding 1; to 43;. Standard Oil Company (Indiana) raised its dividend and climbed two to 73;. Bahrein Finjand Greece Hongkong Iran Kuwalt Malaysia Consolidated Edison Company of New York raised its dividend and picked up 1 to 241 despite lower fourth quarter net. Procter and Gamble lost 1 to 671 despite news of higher fiscal second quarter earnings. Mexico New Zealand Saudi Arabia instany carries . Instany carries . Instant was at £194.40 (\$468.00) Instant of the control of the carries . Instant o earnings. Active IBM gained \$\frac{1}{2}\$ to \$55\$, American Telephone \$\frac{1}{2}\$ to \$1\$. General Motors \$\frac{1}{2}\$ to \$4\$, General Electric \$c\$ to \$62\$, Du Pont \$1\$\$ to \$42\$ and Eastman Kodak \$\frac{1}{2}\$ to \$1\$. Effective exchange rate compared to December 21, 1971, water \$1% to \$1.2%. **Dollar Spot Money Market** Rates Rates Treland Treland Treland Treland Netherlands Belgitm Denmark West Germany Portugal Spain, I(aly, Norway France Rweden Jaoan Bankef England MIR14% (Lastehinged 24/11/84) Yolume leader Federal National Mortgage gained 1/4 to 104. Culbro climbed 31 to 16. Sandoz of Basle agreed to buy Culbro's pharmaceutical business for \$94. All prices quoted are for bulk delivery in Keyes trays. The above range is a guide to general marker conditions and in dependent upon tocation, quantity and whither delivered or not. TEA—Demand was good and general Plainer Assams tended lower but brighter lines were firm to desere. Sylvets were well supported with clean brighter lines guining 40 to 8p z kilo. Bright Africans were firm to decree. Clearing Banks Base Rate 14% Discount MM Louis 50 Oversight; Righ 1312 Merrill Lynch rose i to 331 and E. F. Hutton 1s to 27%. Both reported sharply higher fourth quarter profit. WeekFireLille 13's Based on trade weighted changes from Washington agreement December, 1971. US commodities **EMS Currency Rates** 1.020-1.035. Salra: \$.055 lors including live published. ARABICA (officials at 1.6451—Feb. 142.00-43.00; June. 142.10-42.50; Aug. 143.50-47.00; Oct. 142.00-48.00; Dec. 142.00-48.00; Pec. 143.00-48.00; Dec. 143.00-48.00; Pec. 143.00-48.00; Dec. 143.00-48.00; Dec. 143.00-48.00; Dec. 143.00-48.00; Dec. 143.00-48.00; Dec. 143.00-48.00; May. 982.86; Dec. 143.00-48.00; Dec. 143.00-48.00; May. 982.86; Dec. 143.00-48.00; Dec. 143.00-48.00; Dec. 143.00-48.00; Dec. 143.00-48.00; Dec. 143.00-48.00; Dec. 143.00; Dec. 143.00-48.00; Dec. 143.00; Dec. 1 Belgian franc 38.7897 41.6444 7.7236 7.92295 German D-mark 2.48208 2.89597 7.92295 7.92295 7.92291 7.92291 7.92291 7.92291 7.92291 land Bank and The Prudential, announced new lavestments totalling £1.78m (1979—£1.05m) in their third full year of trading, at their annual general meeting. Mr Jack Smith, chairman of Moracrest, said: "These are encotraging results, bearing in mind the present economic climate, that have again enabled an ordinary dividend to be paid. Since our year-end, a further £790,000 of investments have been made bringing our broadly based portfolio to £5.8m. The portfolio now includes investments based on more flexible criteria than previously adopted, in particular management buy-outs." Secondary Mat. ECD Rates (%) I month 144-144. Smonths 134-134. I months 144-134. I months 134-124. t changes are for the ECU therefore positive change denotes weak currency. \* adjusted for sterling's weight in the ECU, and for the lira's wider divergence limits. Adjustment calculated by The Times. Gold County of the Class Financial County of the County of **Euro-\$Deposits** (%) caus, 18'-19'; seven days, 18'-18'; one month, 18'1-18'; ince months, 18'1-18'1; six months, 17'1-17'14. 1120.5-201.75. Severegas (new): \$130.5-132.5 Smooths 14 is 14 is 14 is 6 months 14 is 13 is (154.25-55.25). Rinance House Base Raie 152% Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

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The asking price for the house and the cottage is £1.75m and the agents believe this is the highest price sought in the area.
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interest from foreign buyers.

The main house has three reception rooms; five bedrooms, four bathrooms fitted with Italian marble, a panelled library and a self-contained flat.

At basement level the house has its own private swimming pool, a jacuzzi, sauna, steam bath and impulse shower. There is also an area fitted out as a gymnasium which can also be used as a discotheque, because it has a sprung wooden floor. Another interesting feature is the walk-

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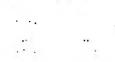
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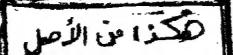
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10.45-12.00 Schools: The Music
Box: By the People: for the
People: Casebook '81; Quest.
2.00-3.00 pm Schools: Movement
and Drama I; Books, Plays, Poems

(2); Nature. 11.00-11.30 Study on 4: iDigame! (13).

7.05 Records : Britten, Chopin,

8.05 Records : Copland, Janacek, Mozart † 9.00 News. 9.05 Week's Composer, Rimsky-

Morsakov.†
10.00 Organ: Henry Smart, S. S. Wesley, Mendelssohn, F. E. Bache, F. A. G. Ouseley.†
10.40 Cantatas: Bernier, Rameau, Boismortier, David Tuuley.†
11.40 Concert: Brahms, Tchaikov-chy. 11.210.11 20 nm. Pardian

sky.† (12.10-12.20 pm Reading); Schumann

1.00 pm News. 1.05 Flute and Percussion: Per Norgaard, Hindemith, Morris Pert,

2.55 Edward Downes conducts
Pfitzner, Sibelius, Bantock †
4.00 Reading: Wordsworth: The
Preinde (4).

4.30 Recital: Mozart; and the

1: Handel, Mozart.†
8.50 Six Continents.
9.10 London Mozart Players, part
2: C. P. E. Bach, Beethoven.†

10.00 Margaret Price song recital: Schumann.† 11.00 News. 11.05-11.15 Record : Neptune, The

Radio 3

Vaughan Williams.† 8.08 News.

6.55 am Weather.

7.00 News.

Rosalie Crutchley as Aunt Elien, the strict guardian of the Hensman boys, in Brendon Chase (ITV, 4.45 pm)

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One of the first great mechanized expeditions was the French Citroen Expedition of 1924 which crossed the African continent from Algeria to Mozambique. An illustrated account of this adventure is the second programme in the series Travellers in Time (BBC 2, 7.30) which Duncan Carse presents from the Royal Geographical Society. The expedition, which began on October 28, took eight months and covered some 13,000 miles. It begen by following the route of the Moroccan invaders across the Sahara, calling at the Beni-Abbes casis and the great well of Tessalit. By Christmas they had reached Lake Chad. From there they went to the Belgian Congo and the Sudan, on the way having to hand build rafts to carry the three and a half ton cars fitted with encorillar half-tracks across treacherous rivers. When the expedition reached Kampala it split into three groups for the final leg to Madarascar which they reached on June 20. On the journey some 8.000 photographs were taken and specimens crilected of 300 mammals. 800 birds and 1,500 insects. Some of the 90.000 feet of film that was shot on the expedition makes up this fascinating programme.

@People who live near a dam should certainly watch tonight's Open Secret (ERC 1, 10.20). In the programme Peter Williams reports on the state of the 2,000 dams that Britain boasts. He discovered that the majority of them are built of soil and clay rather than the more usual concrete and were built in the last century. Because of past disasters in other parts of the world each dam, by law, has to be checked every 10 years by a qualified engineer but Mr Williams has found that some of our dams have never been inspected. As there is no exact record-keeping nobody knows how many have slipped through the inspection process. We have avoided a major disaster so far but is that just because we are lucky? The programme suggests

6 Shelash Delany's first radio play-So does the Nightingale (Radio 4, 3.02 pm) has its postponed premiere this afternoon. It is a comedy about an ageing spinster who, after a life-time of looking after her father, breaks loose when he eventually dies. What she gets up to is a terrible shock to the rest of the family. Linda Polen plays Alice, the elderly spinster.

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Edited by Peter Dear

#### TELEVISION

hints: 3.55 Play School (shown earlier on BRC 2), 4.20 Under-cover Elephant. The sleuth with the long nose disguises himself

as a pirate in this afternoon's

cartoon adventure. 4.25 Jackanory. Joanna David with the
third part of By the Shores of
Silver Lake by Laura Ingalls
Wilder. 4.40 Take Hart. Tony
and his little friend Morph have
another busy day, 5.00 John
Craven's Newsround. World-wide
news for yours needed. 5 05 The

Craven's Newsround. World wide news for young people. 5.05 The Strange Affair of Adelaide Harris. Part five of the six-part serial (r).

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BBC 1 9.05 am For Schools, Colleges: Technical Studies—Sand Casting; 9.35 Maths—Angles; 9.53 Wearing the right clothes; 16.12 Words and Pictures; 10.30 Home Economics; 11.02 Everyday Maths; 11.25 You and Me (not Schools); 11.40 English; 12.05 German. Closedown at 12.30.

1.00 Pebble Mill at One. On the programme today is lan Lyon with information on cheaper air fares and suggestions for holidays in the Far East. In addition a well known personality will prepare their favourite dish in the regular feature, Star Chef. 1.4S 2.01 For Schools, Colleges: Shoes in all shapes and sizes. 2.18 Twentieth Century History, 2.40 Read On! Real On:
3.00 Speak for Yoursell. Advice
for people who want to apply for
a refund for faulty goods (shown
yesterday on BBC 2). 3.25 Della
Special Contract (2). 3.25 Della

10.20 am Gharbar. Advice for

Asian women. Closedown at 10.45.

presenters and the story is Ted.

Moult's The Old Tractor, Close-

5.30 pm Harold Lloyd. The bespectacled comedian wins a live turkey in Hot Water and then

is chased by police when they raid an illegal gambling establishment in Bumping into Broadway.

5.55 16. Up. The fourth of ten films for young people. In this evening's programme they give their views on drugs and drink to Rowdy. Yates of Lifeline

9.30 am For Schools: Craft activities for infants; 9.50 My
World—Landmarks: 10.10 Life
with a Victorian doctor: 10.35
Music—brass instruments; 11.95
Fish and fishing methods; 11.17
Life in France; 11.34 The English

Programme. 12.00 Cloppa Castle. Adventures of puppets who live in a medieval

12.10 pm Raibbow. Educational puppers with guest Claire Woolford. 12.30 About Britzin:

ford. 12.30 About Britain: Screnade for a City. Some of the musicians who played at the Plymouth 400 Festival last year to celebrate the circumnavigation of

the globe by Sir Francis Drake perform their programme. 1.00 News. 1.20 Thames News. 1.30 Crown Court. The final epi-sode in the trial of a woman who is charged with pushing her friend? hysband down states (r)

friend's husband down stairs (r).

2.00 After Noon Plus. Tim
Sainsbury MP, talks about his
Indecent Displays (Control) Bill;
Studs Terkel tells us about the
mood of Reagan's America and

6.20 The Master Game.

11.00 Play School, Floella Beniamin and Fred Harris are the

BBC 2

down at 11.25

THAMES

puppets wi castle (r).

Nationwide. 6.55 Triangle. Another episode in the serial about a North Sea terry and her crew.
7.20 Film: Hostile Witness (1968). starting Ray Milland and Sylvia Sims. A barrister lands in the dock after he swears vengeance on the person who killed his daughter in a hit and run incident. Smith's Cookery Course. Stocks and Soups are the subject of this 9.00 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Liberal Party.

> between Lothar Schmid of West Germany and Hein Donner of The Netherlands. 6.50 Grapevine. A magazine pro-gramme featuring self-help and community action presented by Helene Hayman. This evening we Helene Hayman. This evening we hear from a group of youngsters from. Nottingham who are campaigning for a youth club on their estate and in the comment section of the programme Michael Newman, Warden of the Working Men's College in London, makes a plea for adult education.
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> 7-20 News with a sub-titled synopsis for the hard-of-hearing.

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Duncan sis for the hard-of-hearing.
7.30 Travellers in Time. Duncan
Carse introduces the second of
six programmes on early exploration. The French Citroen Expedition, the first motorized crossing
of Africa, is featured this evening (see Personal Choice).
8.00 The Magic of Dance, Margot
Fonteyn recalls the history of James presents the fourth game in the 13 match competition. It is

oulz between ten contestants. 4.45 Brendon Chase. The run-

away Hensman boys encounter their first bad weather, 5.15 Gambit. A general knowledge quiz game based on the card

quiz game based on the card game Pontoon. Fred Dinenage-

5.45 News, 6.00 Thames News, 6.25 Help! Viv Taylor Gee has Francis Seelev in the studio to explain how he started the Networks Food Co-op in Enfield, 6.35

Crossroads.
7.00 This is Your Life. Eamonn
Andrews and his red book surprise another unsuspecting celebrity whose life flashes by in

asks the questions and Mic Lambourne deals the cards.

there is a film about an African village in the depths of darkest Essex. 2.45 Fantasy Island. A dreadful series in which people are given the chance to act out their fantasies with the help of Ricardo Montablau. 3.45 Movies Montablau. 3.45 Movies Montablau. 3.45 Movies under 30 minutes: 7.30 Coronation Street. christening time for the Tilsley's baby. Will everything go baby. Will smoothly? 8.00 Starburst. Variety show featuring, among others, some of the cast from Oklahoma! Ray Ellington, Anna Dawson and Instant Sunshine. Memories with Roy Hudd. His guest this afternoon is Charles Hawtry. 4.15 Dr Sunggles. Cartoon adventures of a lovable old inventor. 4.20 Runaround. Mike Reid referees this fast moving. 9.00 Honky Tonk Heroes starring James Grout and Shella Staefel. The second of three comedy plays

and western music club.

10.00 Party Political Broadcast or behalf of the Liberal Party. 10:05 News. 10:35 The New Standard Drama Awards introduced by Ned Sherrin Awards introduced by Ned Sherrin from the Savoy Hotel in London. Six "Bests" will be presented tomight and among the distinguished panel of judges is our own Bernard Levin.

11.30 Golf. Arnold Palmer against Gary Player is the match tomight in the USA v The World competition being played at Turnberry. Tony Jacklin and Peter Allis are the commentators.

12.20 am Close.

9.65 News read by Angela Rippon-9.30 Sportsnight. Harry Carpen-ter introduces the programme which includes highlights of last night's fight between Tony Sisson and Noberto Cabrera. David Vine reports from Megere in the French Alps on the Ladies' Down-hill Ski-ing comneticion. French Alps on the Ladies Down-hill Ski-ing competition.
10-29 Open Secret: Dam Liability.
Peter Williams with a report on the safety of the 2000 dams in Britain (see Personal Choice).
10-50 Parkinson. His guests tonight are Sir Peter Parker, David Jacobs and Robert De Niro.
11-50 News headlines.

Radio 4

6.30 Today.

10.00 News.

10.45 Story.

12.00 News.

1.40 The Archers.

2.02 Woman's Hour.

Michael Hordern

4.43 Story No 1 Love (8). 5,00 PM. 6.00 News. 6.30 My Music-† 7.00 News. 7.05 The Archers. 7.20 Checkpoint. 7.45 Will Jones

Gloom.+ 1.00 News.

2.60 News.

3.00 News.

11.00 News. 11.65 Baker's Dozen.

10.30 Daily Service.

12.02 pm You and Yours

12.27 Frank Muir Goes Into

3.02 Play: So does the Nightingale, by Shelagh Delaney (see Personal Choice).

4.00 Choral Evensong, from Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford.;

Church Cathedral, Oxford.† 1.45 Story: No Fond Return of

Will Jones is Dead Long Will Jackson, by Tim Rose

3.50. Through my Window,

10.07 Gardeners' Question Time.

6.00 am News. 6.10 Farming.

8.35 Yesterday 9.00 News. 9.05 Mid-week Company.

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11.50 Nowa for Wales: Clobe. Scotland: 12.40-12.45 per Scotlish News.
5.55-6.20 Reporting Scotland: 11.50
News and weather for Scotland: Close.
Nowisen Ireland: 3.53-3.55 per Northern Ireland: 2.53-3.55 per Northern Ireland: Close. Forgland: 5.55-6.20 Schollen.
Around Six. 11.50 News for Northern Ireland: Close. Fegiand: 5.55-6.20 pm
Regional Magazines. 11.55 Close.

Romantic Ballet and its greates exponents. 9.00 M\*A\*S\*H. Korean war comedy. The obnoxious Major Winchester falls for a girl who is socially beyond the pale.

9.25 Son and Lovers. A dramatization in seven parts of D. H. Lawrence's famous novel starring Tom Bell and Elleen Artins.

10.20 God and the Scientist. In the second of six programmes Donald Mackay, Professor of Communication and Neuro-science at Keele University talks to Rogald Eyre about the relationship between his brain research 10.00 News. 10.30 The Harp That Once, Irish harpist Turlough O'Carolan (1670-1738). 17:55).
11:00 A Book at Bedtime: The Worm Forgives the Plough (3).
11:15 The Financial World Tonight.
11:30 Today in Parliament.
2:00 Name

VHF 9.05 Ronald Eyre about the relation-ship between his brain research and his Christian beliefs. 19.45 A Party Political Broadcast on behalf of the Liberal Party. 10.50 Newsnight. The latest news plus reports on the stories that made today's headlines presented by Peter Snow, Charles Wheeler, John Tusa and Peter Hobday. The incorpanme ends at 11.40. 9.05 am Schools: Advanced Studies: English; Radio Thin HTV

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As Thames exceptunchtime. 4.12-4 Cartoon, 5,20-5.45 7,00 Good Evening

Scottish

King (2); La France Aujourd'hui (2); Poetry Corner; Music Makers; Something to Think Radio 2

NACIO 4
5.00 am News. 5.03 Bob Kilbey †
7.32 Terry Wogan † 10.03 Jimmy
Young † 12.03 pm David Hamilton † 2.03 Ed Stewart. 4.03 Much
More Music.† 6.03 John Dunn †
8.02 Band † 8.45 Alzu Dell † 9.13
Semprini Serenade † 10.02 Tony's †
10.30 Mike Sammes. 11.02 Brian
Marthew. 2.02-5.00 am You and the
Night and the Music.†

Radio I

KARIO 1
5.00 am As Radio 2. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 11.00 Andy Prebles. 12.30 pm Newsbeat. 12.45 Steve Wright. 2.32 Dave Lee Travis. 4.32 Peter Powell: 7.00 Radio 1 Mailbag. 8.00 Richard Skimer. 10.02-12.00 John Peel.† VHF RADIOS 1 AND 2: 5.00 am With Radio 2. 10.00 pm With Radio 1. 12.00-5.00 am With Radio 2.

World Service

4.35 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure.†
7.00 Song Recital: Riccardo PickMangiagalli, Wolf-Ferrari.
7.30 Scientifically Speaking: Night
Sight, with Dr Trevor Lamb.
8.00 London Mozart Players, part

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